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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

JANUARY MEETING: JANUARY 25, 1977 "WILDLIFE MONITORING TECHNIQUES"
Trapping, Tagging and Radio Telemetry Techniques with Birds and Mammals
Thomas A. Gatz, Wildlife Research Center

1976 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

On Saturday, December 18, 1976, one hundred and forty-nine observers (118 in 41 parties and 31 at feeders) spent 298 party hours (238 on foot, 55 by car, 5 on horseback) plus 72 at feeders conducting the 1976 Denver Christmas Bird Count. They travelled 760 party miles (193 on foot, 562 by car, 5 on horseback). The count started at 12:01 A.M. and ended at 5:00 P.M. The weather was beautiful, clear all day with the temperature ranging from 15°-65°; the wind was from the southwest at 0-25 MPH; snow cover was 0-15 inches; fresh water was partly open; and the wild food crop ranged from poor to excellent with an average of fair. Habitat coverage was as follows: cottonwood streamsid es 104.225 party hours; ponderosa pine-Douglas fir forest 64.225 party hours; transition scrub/juniper 54.075 party hours; residential 39.65 party hours; lakes and marshes 22.55 party hours; prairie 13.025 party hours. A total of 106 species were reported (plus four additional races and one form). Approximately 24,850 individual birds were observed. One new species was reported as new to the count-Double-crested Cormorant. Bonus species (species observed five times or less) noted were: Western Grebe (second observation), Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal (third observation), Virginia Rail (third observation), Lewis' Woodpecker (fourth observation), Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler (second observation), Common Grackle (second observation), Lapland Longspur (fourth observation). Species which achieved the highest count of individuals ever recorded on the Denver Count were as follows: Western Grebe-1, Great Blue Heron-47, Canada Goose-5967, Sharp-shinned Hawk-7, Rock Dove-1248, Common Screech Owl-3, Northern Pygmy Owl-4, Long-eared Owl-9, Belted Kingfisher-43, Lewis' Woodpecker-2, Black-capped Chickadee-492, Bushtit-38, White-beasted Nuthatch-89, Pygmy Nuthatch-419, Brown Thrasher-1, Townsend's Solitaire-238, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-7, Cedar Waxwing-50, Common Grackle-11, Black Rosy Finch-25, Lapland Longspur-10. The ten most numerous species were as follows: Canada Goose-5967, Starling-2066, American Tree Sparrow-1582, Mallard-1508, Rock Dove-1248, Black-billed Magpie-1202, House Sparrow-1055, House Finch-1011, Red-winged Blackbird-862, Mountain Chickadee-543. This was another good year for owls as four species were observed and twenty-five individual owls. This was a record year for feeder observations. There were 31 observers at 26 feeders who observed 36 species plus two additional races, one form and 2559 individual birds. THANKS GO TO JO TRAINOR AND MARY JANE SCHOCK, COUNT LEADERS, OBSERVERS AND FEEDER OBSERVERS FOR AN OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR 1976!

PART 1

AREA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LOCATION	RRP	LBC	BOW	LSP	HC	PC	MSP	CR	USP	LDC	UDC	YP
Western Grebe				1								
Pied-billed Grebe		2	1	2								
Double-crested Cormorant				2								
Great Blue Heron		2	3	5	1		23	3	1			
Canada Goose		2087	1865	547	350		349	200				
Canada Goose ("Lesser" race)		10										
Greater White-fronted Goose				1								
Snow Goose ("white" form)			1		1		1	1				
Mallard		346	517	115		17	308	50	6			
Gadwall		26	3	10			2	2				
Common Pintail		18	22					4				
Green-winged Teal		34	5	5			2					
Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal			1									
American Wigeon		93	390	6		10	6	2				
Wood Duck			6									
Redhead			3	2								
Ring-necked Duck		1		2								
Canvasback				1								
Lesser Scaup			17	3								
Common Goldeneye		13	21	21			17					
Bufflehead				2			2					

AREA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LOCATION	RRP	LBC	BOW	LSP	HC	PC	MSP	CR	USP	LDC	UDC	YP
Ruddy Duck			4									
Hooded Merganser			4									
Common Merganser			59	43			6	4				
Accipiter (sp.-?)							1					
Northern Goshawk											2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1				1		2			
Cooper's Hawk												1
Red-tailed Hawk			1	2	1	1	3					
Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's")							1					
Rough-legged Hawk		1				2		2				
Golden Eagle							1				1	
Bald Eagle							1			1		
Northern Harrier				2	1	4	2	1				
Prairie Falcon	1					1		1				
Merlin						1		1				
American Kestrel		4	2	4	1	1	1	1		1		
Ring-necked Pheasant							8			6		
Virginia Rail				2			3					
American Coot		4	49	88								
Killdeer		6	6	4		2	8	3	1			
Common Snipe		11	8	4		3	2					
Gull (sp.-?)							1					
Herring Gull			12				5					
Ring-billed Gull		9	89	5			1	1				
Rock Dove	100	122	452	94	42	8	5	16				
Great Horned Owl						3	5	1				
Long-eared Owl							2			5		
Belted Kingfisher		9	2	7		2	14	1	3			
Common Flicker							9	1				
Common Flicker (Red-shafted)	5	29	19	32	1	2	20	14	11	2		
Lewis' Woodpecker							2					
Hairy Woodpecker	1		1	1			3				1	
Downy Woodpecker		2		2	2	1	2		1	1	2	
Horned Lark					25		177					
Blue Jay				5								
Steller's Jay		1							1	13	15	60
Scrub Jay	3	1	1						10	29		
Black-billed Magpie	20	120	171	108	54	13	402	18	22	12	5	2
Northern Raven	3	2		1					1		3	3
American Crow	6	2	27		14	7	2	3	3	1	2	
Black-capped Chickadee		33	6	20	23	8	88	12	31	5	5	2
Mountain Chickadee		11	2	1	1	3	7	1	7	5	66	42
Bushtit									38			
White-breasted Nuthatch		2		1					1	1	1	7
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3	2							1	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch											15	39
Brown Creeper		1	1	4	2		2			3	1	
North American Dipper		1	1				14		3			
Winter Wren							1					
Canyon Wren	5								1	1		
Brown Thrasher				1								
American Robin	20	14	16	11			7	1	60		6	5
Townsend's Solitaire	22	3		1			2		28	2	4	4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	6											
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							2				4	
Water Pipit							5					
Waxwing (Sp.-?)				3								
Bohemian Waxwing			1	2								
Cedar Waxwing		1	9								40	
Northern Shrike	1						3	4	1			
European Starling		353	360	316	64	2	310	15	8	1		6
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)			1									
House Sparrow		67	168	78	21	5				3		
Western Meadowlark		4	2	15	9	10	52			4		
Red-winged Blackbird		168	86	164	23	11	6	7		14		
Brewer's Blackbird		2		18								
Common Grackle				4								
Evening Grosbeak				42								
Cassin's Finch							1		1	1		6
House Finch	20	98	71	110	5	3	401	7		6		
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	20											
Black Rosy Finch	25											
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	1											
Common Redpoll							38				2	

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AREA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LOCATION	RRP	LBC	BOW	LSP	HC	PC	MSP	CR	USP	LDC	UDC	YP
Pine Siskin					19		156			2		
American Goldfinch				15	19	15	122	80		13		
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	2	1	3								
Northern Junco	20						19					
No. Junco (White-winged)		1	1									
No. Junco (Slate-colored)	12	4	6	16	12		56	9	28	2	1	
No. Junco (Oregon)	8	23	22	36	2	1	84	20	14	30	2	
No. Junco (Pink-sided)							24					
Gray-headed Junco	20	1			60				4	7	1	5
American Tree Sparrow	6		9	43	65	85	1116	100	1	35		
Harris' Sparrow							24					
White-crowned Sparrow				20			7					
White-throated Sparrow		2					2					
Fox Sparrow							2					
Swamp Sparrow							1					
Song Sparrow	1	9	36	23	4	7	56	18	2	3		
Lapland Longspur							10					
TOTAL SPECIES	22	46	50	55	26	28	60	32	27	29	21	13
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	327	3759	4564	2076	822	228	4016	604	290	210	182	182

PART 2

AREA	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	GRAND
LOCATION	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KC	GG	MWB	WC	ML	FEEDERS TOTAL
Western Grebe										1
Pied-billed Grebe										5
<u>Double-crested Cormorant</u>										2
Great Blue Heron								9		47
Canada Goose									535	34
Canada Goose ("Lesser")										10
Greater White-fronted Goose										1
Snow Goose ("white" form)										4
Mallard								35	10	104
Gadwall	26									1508
Common Pintail										69
Green-winged Teal										44
Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal										46
American Wigeon										1
Wood Duck										512
Redhead										6
Ring-necked Duck								1		6
Canvasback										3
Lesser Scaup										1
Common Goldeneye										20
Bufflehead										72
Ruddy Duck										4
Hooded Merganser										4
Common Merganser										4
Accipiter (sp.-?)										112
Northern Goshawk										1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1					1	2
Cooper's Hawk										7
Red-tailed Hawk										1
Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's")								1		9
Rough-legged Hawk					1			2		1
Ferruginous Hawk					1					8
Golden Eagle				2	2					1
Bald Eagle										2
Northern Harrier										8
Prairie Falcon										10
Merlin					1					3
American Kestrel									4	3
Ring-necked Pheasant										19
<u>Virginia Rail</u>										14
American Coot										5
Killdeer										141
Common Snipe								1		31
Gull (sp.-?)								2		30
Herring Gull										1
Ring-billed Gull										17
Rock Dove			3	8	20		10	315	3	50
Mourning Dove										2
Common Screech Owl				1			2			3
Northern Pygmy Owl							4			3

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AREA	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		GRAND
LOCATION	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KC	GG	MWB	WC	ML	FEEDERS	TOTAL
Great Horned Owl											9
Long-eared Owl										2	9
Belted Kingfisher				1			1	3			43
Common Flicker											10
Common Flicker (Red-shafted)		23	2		4		6	6	5	22	203
Lewis' Woodpecker											2
Hairy Woodpecker	1	9	3					1		14	35
Downy Woodpecker	3	4	2	1	2	1	1	1		22	50
Horned Lark					2						204
Blue Jay										11	16
Steller's Jay	28	47	41	28		15	19		8	149	425
Scrub Jay		2		5	8		6	8	11	9	93
Black-billed Magpie	2	13	9	19	10	2	15	96	37	52	1202
Northern Raven	10	3	1		7	2			1		37
American Crow	19	15	5		4			50		22	182
Black-capped Chickadee	8	73	1	6	4	23	36	26	2	80	492
Mountain Chickadee	74	95	61	4		25	8	7	22	101	543
Bushtit											38
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	13	14	1		9			4	33	89
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1		1						6	17
Pygmy Nuthatch	54	92	108			18				93	419
Brown Creeper		2	4			11	2	1			34
North American Dipper				5			2	1			27
Winter Wren											1
Canyon Wren				1	3				4		15
Brown Thrasher											1
American Robin	14	43	5	7		4	14	3	303	5	538
Townsend's Solitaire		63	26	24	4	6	12	4	32	1	238
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3	6			3			2		20
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1									7
Water Pipit											5
Bohemian Waxwing										150	153
Cedar Waxwing											50
Waxwing (sp.-?)											3
Northern Shrike		1	1								11
European Starling	7		40	3			14	270	5	292	2066
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)							1				2
House Sparrow			1	6	40		34	185	25	422	1055
Western Meadowlark					2			44		12	154
Red-winged Blackbird								302		81	862
Brewer's Blackbird											20
Common Grackle										7	11
Evening Grosbeak		8				3				337	390
Cassin's Finch		25				14				20	68
House Finch			1	14	45		38	55		137	1011
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch											20
Black Rosy Finch											25
Brown-capped Rosy Finch											1
Common Redpoll											40
Pine Siskin					54	5				5	241
American Goldfinch							1				265
Rufous-sided Towhee				1			1			1	10
Northern Junco	10		39		86			35		39	248
No. Junco (White-winged)		1	7	3						35	48
No. Junco (Slate-colored)		20	2	10	4	6	6	35	3	63	295
No. Junco (Oregon)		1	17	50	6	27	51	15	6	37	452
No. Junco (Pink-sided)										2	26
Gray-headed Junco	2	72	28	70	2	3	11	10		68	364
American Tree Sparrow							2	88		32	1582
Harris' Sparrow								2			26
White-crowned Sparrow											27
White-throated Sparrow											4
Fox Sparrow											2
Swamp Sparrow											1
Song Sparrow				4			6	7			176
Lapland Longspur											10
TOTAL SPECIES	15	23	22	24	21	20	23	33	19	36	106
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	260	630	427	276	312	184	297	1626	1019	2559	24850

PARTICIPANTS (LEADERS UNDERSCORED):

AREA 1, RED ROCKS: Richard Franz, Christine and Delores Gable, Joe Hines, David McKeon, Donald Thatcher

AREA 2, LOWER BEAR CREEK: Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Joseph and Marion Borden, Henry and Vi Bossman, Phyllis Casswell, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer

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- AREA 3, BOW-MAR: Tom Gatz, Harold and LaVona Holt, Haruko Ishiyama, Diane Koshak, Jack Reddall
- AREA 4, LOWER SOUTH PLATTE: Robert Andrews, John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Floyd Pendell, Tom Shane, Jo Trainor, Ruth Wheeler
- AREA 5, HIGHLINE CANAL: Tom Hollenbeck, Doug and Judy Ward, Andy Wilbur
- AREA 6, PLUM CREEK: Ray Olson, Mary Wegg
- AREA 7, MIDDLE SOUTH PLATTE: Lisa Bardwell, Jeff Cohen, David, Jeff, Karen and Rebecca Hutchinson, Hugh and Urling Kingery, Aurelio Montenegro, Janet Sherwood, Alyson Shupe, Alan Stokes.
- AREA 8, CHATFIELD RESERVOIR: Lesley and Paul Julian
- AREA 9, UPPER SOUTH PLATTE: Jerome Besser, John DeGrazio, Deborah Eaton, Michael Fall, Sandra Hamilton, Curtis Knittle, C. Edward Knittle, Christine Mitchell, Raymond Peck, Leslie Robinette, Jack Welch
- AREA 10, LOWER DEER CREEK: Robert Reed, Steve Shearon, Barbara and Lynn Willcockson
- AREA 11, UPPER DEER CREEK: Mary Jane Black, Carole and Joanne Forsythe, Sue Merrick, Jeanie Thorne
- AREA 12, YEGGE PEAK: Peter Gent, Gene Hendrichs, Nancy Hurley, Marie Lolena, David McCargo
- AREA 13, DOUBLEHEAD MOUNTAIN: Jean and James Tate
- AREA 14, NORTH TURKEY CREEK: John Ball, Bev Engstrom, Polly Fields, Warren Finch, Charles Kangas, Jim Olson, Bob and Carolyn Schneider, Sam Shone
- AREA 15, INDIAN HILLS: Fran Enright, Mel and Vera Gabel, Edna Thomas
- AREA 16, UPPER BEAR CREEK: Sylvia and Winston Brockner, Mark Janos, Dieter Kamm, Jeff Sherman
- AREA 17, KEN CARYL RANCH: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Edie Trimmer
- AREA 18, GARRISON GATE: Linda Carpenter, Michael Moulton, Peter Moulton, Judd Sundine
- AREA 19, MORRISON-WILLOWBROOK ESTATES: Carol and Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Paul Rechel, Mildred Snyder
- AREA 20, WILLOW CREEK: Patty Echelmeyer, Kris Loudon, Dave Markley, Deana and Don Mullineaux, Eleanor Walker
- AREA 21, MT. LINDO: Ed Bovy, Arthur Ferguson, Felicity Hannay, Reed Kelley, Jan Melson, Terry Stuart
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ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1976 REPORTS (* Pending Acceptance by the CFO Official Records Committee):

- Western Grebe 12-7 (3) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
- Greater White-fronted Goose 12-24 (3 adults) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Snow Goose 12-11 (1 adult, "white" form) XMAS PRECOUNT Marston Reservoir
- White-winged Scoter 12-7 (1) Union Reservoir (RA)
- Red-breasted Merganser 12-7 (1) Union Reservoir (RA); 12-11 (4) XMAS PRECOUNT Marston Reservoir
- Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's race) 12-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 12-31 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (JR)
- Bald Eagle 12-7 (1 sub-adult) Barr Lake State Park (RA); December all month (1 adult) Evergreen (ET)
- Merlin 12-11 (1) XMAS PRECOUNT Upper South Platte; 12-24 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
- PARASITIC JAEGER* 12-11 (1 immature) XMAS PRECOUNT Marston Reservoir (TG)
- Glaucous Gull 12-24 (1 immature) Lake Sangraco (JR); 12-31 (1) Sloan's Lake (PE)
- LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL 12-10 thru 12-16 (1) Lake Sangraco (BW, JC)
- Bonaparte's Gull 12-7 (3) Union Reservoir (RA)
- Snowy Owl From mid-December on (1) South Kipling and Ken Caryl area (seen by many observers)
- Pygmy Owl 12-10 (1) Idledale (ET); 12-12 (1) south of Evergreen (ET)
- Long-eared Owl 12-11 (3) XMAS PRECOUNT Bow-Mar
- Short-eared Owl 12-31 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Golden-crowned Kinglet 12-31 (4) Castlewood Canyon (JR)
- Bohemian Waxwing Widespread throughout the Denver area during December. MAXIMA: 12-31 (1000+) Castlewood Canyon (JR)
- Cedar Waxwing 12-1 (2) Wheatridge (PE)
- Common Grackle 12-11 (1) XMAS PRECOUNT Littleton (AREA 4)
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 12-30 (2) Green Mountain (ME)
- Black Rosy Finch 12-1 (1); 12-6 (2); 12-10 (11); 12-30 (30+) Green Mountain (ME)
- White-throated Sparrow 12-11 (1) XMAS PRECOUNT Lower Bear Creek; 12-11 (2) XMAS PRECOUNT Upper South Platte; 12-22 (no.-?); 12-30 (no.-?) Wheatridge (LR)
- 140 Fox Sparrow 12-24 and 12-31 (1 adult-"eastern" race) Waterton (JR)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Jeannie Conry (JC), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), Tom Gatz (TG), Jack Reddall (JR), Leona Rowe (LR). Edna Thomas (ET), Bruce Webb (BW)

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Those individuals wishing to use the Club telescope during the month of January, please contact Patty Echelmeyer. Telephone: 233-4947

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1977

FEBRUARY

- 5, Saturday. Chatfield area. Leader: Jo Trainor. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:30 A.M. and meet leader at south entrance to Chatfield Reservoir (Roxborough Road) at 9:00 A.M. *
- 6, Sunday. "Meandering" in Jefferson County. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:30 A.M. Lunch optional.
- 12, Saturday. Mt. Falcon Park and North Turkey Creek. Leader: Chuck Kangas. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. - $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 19, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Bob Andrews. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. * NOTE: This will be a walking trip!
- 20, Sunday. Evergreen area. Leader: Bill Brockner. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:15 A.M. Meet leader at Bergen Park at 9:00 A.M. * *
- 26, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. Meet leader at west entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. * NOTE: If weather permits we will attempt to find the Saw-whet Owls at Castlewood Canyon at dusk, otherwise the trip will be just at Cherry Creek Reservoir. If we do attempt for the owls, it could be a long walk and a cold walk into the area. So come prepared!
- 27, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *

* BRING LUNCH

TRIP LEADERS! PLEASE NOTE! Send your field trip reports, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-list or list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip (Please don't wait until the end of the month) to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308. In addition, please notify the Editor if a trip is cancelled for any reason. DEADLINE FOR ALL FIELD TRIP AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH! Reports not received by this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips and other reports.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses.



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FEBRUARY MEETING: FEBRUARY 22, 1977

William Burnham of CSU will present a program on the Peregrine Falcon

JANUARY 1977 FIELD TRIPS

- JANUARY 8, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir, Waterton. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Ron Lestina, Shirley Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast becoming clear; Wind, calm; 5^o-16^o). 47 miles, 7 hours. (16 species)
- 9, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Red Rocks Park and vicinity. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observer: Chuck Kangas. (Clear; cold). 38½ miles, 6 hours. (39 species)
- 15, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir to Castlewood Canyon. Leader: Ray Olson. Observers: Merle Barbour, Henry and Vi Bossman, John Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall (part time), Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; some wind; 20^o). 31½ miles, 8½ hours. (29 species)
- 16, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and vicinity. Leader: Chuck Kangas. Observers: Tom Gatz, Carl DeLeeuw. (Clear). 7½ hours. (44 species)
- 22, Saturday. Denver Urban: Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill Cemetery, South Platte River, Bear Creek Park. Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Josephine and Arthur Butler, Joe Hines, Barbara Jubrias, Vi and Henry Bossman, Randolph and Lillian McDonough, Cecily Mellor, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock. (Partly cloudy; light breeze; 30^o-45^o). 38 miles, 6 hours. (32 species)
- 23, Sunday. Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. Leader: Sophia Bogart. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 29, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Warren Finch, Lynn Johnson, Mary Robinson. (Fair). 5 hours. (15 species)
- 30, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Lynn Johnson, Ray Olson. (Clear; Wind, East, 5-10 MPH; 30^o-50^o). 6 hours. (42 species)

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JANUARY	8	9	15	16	22	29	30
AREA	CR/W	SLRR	CCCW	BARR	DENV	PAWN	BLDR
HABITAT	FTPL	FTPL	FTPL	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FTPL
Western Grebe							2
Pied-billed Grebe		2		1			3
<u>Double-crested Cormorant</u>							1 imm
Great Blue Heron							6
Canada Goose	14	100	150	960	510		800
Mallard		75	3	2620	200		1500
Gadwall				5	2		
Common Pintail				167	1		
Green-winged Teal				4	1		
American Wigeon				20	12		
Northern Shoveler		200		117	400		
Ring-necked Duck		8		50			
Canvasback				5			
Lesser Scaup		7			2		
Common Goldeneye		8		29	30		20
Hooded Merganser					2		
Common Merganser			25		2		50
Red-breasted Merganser							10
"Buteo" (sp.-?)					1		
Red-tailed Hawk				4			2
Rough-legged Hawk	3	2	1	6		5	3
Ferruginous Hawk			1				3
Golden Eagle		1					1 imm
Bald Eagle			3	imm			
Northern Harrier	1		1	4		1	
Merlin						2	
American Kestrel		1	2	4	2		5
Ring-necked Pheasant			1			3	
American Coot		2		5	5		20
Killdeer			3	1			
Common Snipe			5	6			
Herring Gull		6		7			2
Ring-billed Gull		75	1	1	154		50
Rock Dove		250		7	50		75
Mourning Dove				4			
Great Horned Owl			2	2		4	2
Belted Kingfisher		1			4		1
Common Flicker							
"Red-shafted" race	3	3	3	2	5	1	10
Downy Woodpecker		1		9	1		3
Horned Lark			15	2		2000	
Blue Jay					2		
Steller's Jay		9					10
Scrub Jay	3	5	5				
Black-billed Magpie	6	40	9	57	25	7	40
Northern Raven	1	3	1				
American Crow	1	2	1			41	
Black-capped Chickadee	20	5		6	1		6
Mountain Chickadee	2	6		12	2		15
Bushtit							20
White-breasted Nuthatch							2
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1			12		
Brown Creeper				1	1		2
North American Dipper	1	3					1
American Robin		102			3		50
Townsend's Solitaire		7	1		2		2
Bohemian Waxwing					225		80
Northern Shrike				1 ad		1	
<u>Loggerhead Shrike</u>			1 ad				
European Starling	17	4		49	40	8	200
House Sparrow	15	5		46	40	7	50
Western Meadowlark			1	74		25	20
Red-winged Blackbird			17	817			
Brewer's Blackbird				8			
Evening Grosbeak		5					

JANUARY	8	9	15	16	22	29	30
House Finch		15	1		21		8
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		400					
Black Rosy Finch		2					
Pine Siskin				20			
American Goldfinch	200		10	75			2
Rufous-sided Towhee	5						
Northern Junco							
"Slate-colored" race	1	42		1	2		15
"Oregon" race	3	25	3	25			5
Gray-headed Junco		43					1
American Tree Sparrow		6	15	240		6	10
White-crowned Sparrow				45			
Song Sparrow	4	6	5	21			2
Lapland Longspur						12	
TOTAL SPECIES-75	16	39	29	44	32	15	42

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1977 REPORTS:

Eared Grebe 1-1 (1) near Lake Sangraco, alive but frozen to the ice (JC, HH)

Double-crested Cormorant 1-22 thru 1-30 (1 immature) Valmont Reservoir (same bird as reported on 1-30 Boulder Field Trip) (BK)

Greater White-fronted Goose 1-1 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-6 (1) BowMar (JC)

Snow Goose ("white" form) 1-16 (1) and 1-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-23 (2) Gallup Lake, Littleton (BL, LL); 1-29 (3) Valmont Reservoir (BK)

Blue-winged Teal 1-15 (1 male, changing plumage) along South Platte River behind Centennial Park, Englewood (TG). NOTE: Apparently this is the same bird that was seen in the exact same location on the Denver Christmas Count on 12-18-1976 and listed as "Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal".

Redhead Up to six all month just below the spillway at Chatfield Dam (JR)

Canvasback As many as eight all month, gravel pits, 70th and York (JR)

Barrow's Goldeneye 1-30 (2) Estes Park (JC)

Bufflehead 1-22 (2), 1-29 (2) McCall's Lake east of Lyons (BK); at least one male and four females all month just below the spillway at Chatfield Dam (JR)

Ruddy Duck 1-23 (3) Gallup Lake, Littleton (BL, LL); 1-31 (2) Maple Grove Reservoir, Lakewood (JC)

Hooded Merganser 1-6 (1) BowMar (JC); 1-2 (2) South Platte River at Oxford (RA); 1-13 (1 male) Chatfield Reservoir (PE); 1-22 (2) and 1-29 (2) McCall's Lake east of Lyons (BK); 1-30 (2 pair) South Platte River, Denver (JR)

Northern Goshawk 1-22 (1) Castlewood Dam (JC)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-10 (1 immature) Wheatridge (PE); 1-28 (2) Lakewood (JC)

Red-tailed Hawk ("Harlan's" race) 1-15 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (JR)

Bald Eagle 1-8 (2 adults, 3 immatures) Jackson Reservoir (BK); 1-12 (2 immatures) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 1-22 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 1-30 (5 immatures) Jackson Reservoir (BL, LL)

Prairie Falcon 1-9 (4) Morgan County (JR); 1-29 (1) Ordway (JR)

Virginia Rail 1-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Glaucous Gull 1-1 (2) near Lake Sangraco (JC)

Mourning Dove 1-1 (3) Wheatridge (PE); 1-12 (9) and 1-22 (9) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 1-23 (5) Johnson Park-Wheatridge Greenbelt along Clear Creek (RS); 1-23 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Common Screech Owl 1-2 (1) Waterton (BB); 1-21 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (PR)

Snowy Owl 1-29 (1) South Kipling near Ken Caryl Road (KH)

Northern Pygmy Owl 1-2 (1) Deer Creek Canyon (PE); 1-3 (1) Deer Creek Canyon (JC)

Long-eared Owl 1-13 (1) BowMar (PE); 1-18 (1) BowMar (JC); 15, along St. Vrain Road (?) on 1-22 and 1-29 (BK)

Short-eared Owl Up to three all month at Cherry Creek Reservoir (RA, JC, BL, JR)

Saw-whet Owl 1-10 (1) Lakewood (BB, JC, PE)

Lewis' Woodpecker 1-22 (4) Union Reservoir (BK); 1-29 (1) Ordway (JR)

Downy Woodpecker ("Nelson's" race) One female all month, Cherry Creek Village (DR, JR)

Hairy Woodpecker ("Rocky Mountain" race) 1-22 (1 male) Idaho Springs (JR)

Marsh Wren 1-16 (1) Clear Creek Green Belt, Wheatridge (PR)

Canyon Wren 1-15 (1) Castlewood Canyon (JR)

Varied Thrush From 1-29 (1 male) 11th and Garrison, Lakewood (first found by JC, seen by several other observers)

Mountain Bluebird 1-23 (2) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (MS); 1-27 (9) seven miles east of Castle Rock (BA, MB); 1-29 (400+) Pueblo area, mostly along Burnt Mill Road (DR, JR)

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1-16 (2) Lookout Mountain (PE)

Water Pipit 1-12 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 1-21 (1) South Platte River at Oxford (RA); 1-22 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Bohemian Waxwing Widespread during month throughout the Denver metropolitan area. MAXIMA: 2000+ near First and Havana, Aurora 1-18 (JR)

Jedar Waxwing 1-9 (25) Muir Springs Park, Fort Morgan (JR); 1-21 (4) Boulder (BK)

Yellow-rumped Warbler 1-27 (1) Cherry Hills Village (BA)

Rusty Blackbird 1-16 (7) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Common Grackle 1-9 (3) Northeast Denver (BL)

Black Rosy Finch Regular all month, Green Mountain (ME); MAXIMA: 48 on 1-4

Brown-capped Rosy Finch 1-23 (2) Red Rocks Park (BL, LL)

Brown Towhee 1-29 (6) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County (JR)
Fox Sparrow 1-3 (1) Waterton (JC)
Lincoln's Sparrow 1-22 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Swamp Sparrow 1-9 (1) and 1-16 (1) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (PR)
Snow Bunting 1-24 (1) south of Castlewood Dam, Douglas County (RA, JC)

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- MARCH
- 5, Saturday. "Jeffco Meanderings". Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 6, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers), Boulder at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 12, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Chatfield Reservoir, Waterton. Leader: Robert Spencer. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 13, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:30 A.M. (Lunch optional)
 - 19, Saturday. Lakes north of Denver. Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 20, Sunday. Jackson Reservoir and Prewitt Reservoir. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 26, Saturday. Louviers area. Leader: Robert Reed. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at west parking lot of McClelland Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 27, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (WALKING TRIP). Leader: Joe Roller. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *

TRIP LEADERS! PLEASE NOTE! Send your Field Trip reports, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip (PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH) to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308. In addition, please notify the Editor if a trip is cancelled for any reason. DEADLINE FOR ALL FIELD TRIP AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS IS THE FIFTH OF THE MONTH! Reports not received by this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips and other reports.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

MARCH MEETING: MARCH 22, 1977

Harold Holt will present a slide program on nesting birds of the mountains.

FEBRUARY 1977 FIELD TRIPS

- FEBRUARY
- 5, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir, Waterton area. Leader: Jo Trainor. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Ward Chadwick, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Bea Merry, Marjorie Roberts, Bob Spencer. (Overcast; Wind, calm; 30°-50°). 6 hours. (31 species)
- 6, Sunday. Jefferson County: Sloan's Lake, Johnson's Park, Morrison, Red Rocks Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Tom Gatz, Barbara Jubrias, Gail Leirne, Helen Singer, June Williamson, Jennifer Winchester. (Clear). 30 miles, 6 hours. (35 species)
- 12, Saturday. Jefferson County: Mt. Falcon, Mt. Lindo, Tiny Town. Leader: Chuck Kangas. Observers: Merle Barbour, Vi and Henry Bossman, Art and Phine Butler, John and Joyce Cooper, Nancia Jones, Phyllis Kangas, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Singer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, June Williamson. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 10-20 MPH; 40°). 6 hours. (22 species)
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Robert Glover, Dorothea Mareya, Wendy Wilkins, Nancy and Wally Zavitz. (Mild; windy). 3½ hours. (10 species)
- 19, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Robert Andrews. Observers: Gale Cook, John and Joyce Cooper, Bob Glover, Joe and Connie Hines, Dee Hudson, Hazel Kellogg, David and Myccky Lee, Don McKeon, Marjorie Roberts, Margaret Sikes, Judy Ward, Andy Wilbur, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 55°). 6½ hours. (42 species)
- 20, Sunday. Evergreen and Squaw Mountain. Leaders: Sylvia and Winston William Brockner. Observers: Ward and Margo Chadwick, John and Joyce Cooper, Jesse and Bob Davis, Mel and Vera Gabel, Eleanor Hoover, Viola Hubka, Nancia Jones, Dieter Kamm, Dave Markley, Kathy and Greg Martin, Ray Olson, Ruth Osgood, Helen Singer, Becky and Garland Truitt. (Clear; 21°-55°). (22 species)
- 26, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Canyon. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Warren Finch, Nancia Jones, Bea Merry, Helen Singer, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, West, 8-12 MPH; 13°-40°). 72 miles, 9½ hours. (48 species)
- 27, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. TRIP CANCELLED.

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SNOW GOOSE	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER
"white" form	"Myrtle" race
"blue" form	"Audubon's" race
RED-TAILED HAWK	NORTHERN ORIOLE
"Western" race	"Baltimore" race
"Harlan's" race	"Bullock's" race
"Krider's" race	GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH
COMMON FLICKER	"Hepburn's" race
"Yellow-shafted" race	"Gray-crowned" race
"Red-shafted" race	RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	"Spotted" race
"Yellow-bellied" race	eastern races
"Red-naped" race	NORTHERN JUNCO
HAIRY WOODPECKER	"White-winged" race
"Rocky Mountain" race	"Slate-colored" race
eastern races	"Oregon" race
DOWNY WOODPECKER	WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW
"Batchelder's" race	"White-crowned" race
eastern races	"Gambel's" race
SOLITARY VIREO	
"Blue-headed" race	
"Plumbeous" race	

	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	
AREA	CHAT	JEFF	JEFF	RRPK	BARR	EVER	CCR-CWC	
HABITAT	PLNS	PLFT	PLFT	FOOT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS-FOOT	
Horned Grebe					5		1	-
Pied-billed Grebe							1	-
Great Blue Heron	2							
Canada Goose	25	150			200		225	-
Snow Goose								
"white" form							1 ad	-
Mallard	40	150	2		800		20	-
Gadwall		7			10			
Common Pintail		3			200			
Green-winged Teal					1		28	-
American Wigeon	2	2			15			
Northern Shoveler		200			412			
Redhead		4			12		39	-
Ring-necked Duck					6			
Lesser Scaup					3		1 pr	-
Common Goldeneye	12	5			2		4	-
Bufflehead	2							
Common Merganser	4				30		140	-
Northern Goshawk						1		
Red-tailed Hawk					3			
"Western" race	1						2	1
"Harlan's" race	1							
Rough-legged Hawk			1		14		1	-
Golden Eagle		1						
Bald Eagle			1		2 im			
Northern Harrier					2		1 fe	-
Prairie Falcon				1	3			
Merlin							1	-
American Kestrel	1	1	1		1		2	-
Ring-necked Pheasant					2		5	-
Virginia Rail							2	-
American Coot		5			1			
Common Snipe	1							
Herring Gull		2			12		37	-
Ring-billed Gull	3	200			117		6	-
Rock Dove	6	60	6	50			38	-
Mourning Dove		1			2			
Great Horned Owl							1	-
Common Flicker	2							
"Red-shafted" race		7	2		3	1	4	3
Hairy Woodpecker			1			1		
"Rocky Mountain" race							-	1
Downy Woodpecker					3	1		
eastern race							1	-

Marsh Wren 2-21 (1, in song) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 VARIED THRUSH One male all month at 11th and Garfield, Lakewood, last seen on 2-27 (JJC)
 Mountain Bluebird 2-10 (8 males) Daniel's Park (JJC); 2-21 (9) east of Greenland, Douglas
 County (JR)
 Bohemian Waxwing Large numbers, widespread throughout Denver area all month; 2-28 (100)
 Aurora (JR)
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 2-15 (1) Green Mountain (ME)
 Black Rosy Finch 2-15 (19), 2-21 (9), 2-27 (35) Green Mountain (ME)
 Cassin's Finch 1-29 (3) mouth of Deer Creek Canyon (ME)
 Harris' Sparrow 2-21 (1) Waterton (JR)
 White-crowned Sparrow 2-19 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 White-throated Sparrow 2-11 (1) Lakewood (JJC)
 Swamp Sparrow 2-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

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- 2, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Dave Griffiths (1-561-2258). Meet at Ramada Inn North (Pueblo) at 8:15 A.M. *
 - 3, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
 - 9, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick (321-1212). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 8:00 A.M. or at Information Center at Ken Caryl parking lot at 8:30 A.M. Lunch optional.
 - 10, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers), Boulder at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 16, Saturday. Douglas County/Elbert County Sharp-tailed Grouse census. Details to be announced at March meeting by Robert Tully.
 - 17, Sunday. Prospect Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir and Mair Springs Park. Leader: Jack Reddall. Meet at Voyager Inn Motel (I-70 and Chambers Road) at 6:00 A.M. *
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FEBRUARY	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	
AREA	CHAT	JEFF	JEFF	RRPK	BARR	EVER	CCR-CWC	
HABITAT	PLNS	PLFT	PLFT	FOOT	PLNS	MTNS	PLNS-FOOT	
Horned Lark	5				25		9	-
Gray Jay						3		
Blue Jay		3						
Steller's Jay		3	28			10	-	5
Scrub Jay	1	2		4			-	2
Black-billed Magpie	20	19	2	4	44	5	53	5
Northern Raven						3	-	1
American Crow	80		2			6		
Clark's Nutcracker						3		
Black-capped Chickadee	5	4	1	3	12	1	4	-
Mountain Chickadee	1	4	16		2	12	1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		1					
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1			1	-	1
Pygmy Nuthatch			35			8		
Brown Creeper			1		1	1		
North American Dipper	1	2						
Canyon Wren		1	1	2				
American Robin	5	6	101	3			4	2
Mountain Bluebird						1	- 1 ma	
Townsend's Solitaire	1	1	14	6			-	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1					
Bohemian Waxwing						300		
Northern Shrike	1				1		2 ad	-
European Starling	18	50			65		316	-
House Sparrow		40	1		32		15	-
Western Meadowlark	2	3			54		11	-
Red-winged Blackbird	46				850		56	-
Cassin's Finch						16	- 2 fe	
House Finch		6			3		20	-
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch						48		
Black Rosy Finch						4		
Pine Siskin					7	4	-	63
American Goldfinch					4		2	5
Rufous-sided Towhee	2	1						
Northern Junco								
"White-winged" race	1						-	2
"Slate-colored" race	3			1	7	1		
"Oregon" race	1	5		5	12	4		
Gray-headed Junco		10	2	1		1	-	4
American Tree Sparrow	35	25			17		105	1
Song Sparrow	8	2			10		19	-
TOTAL SPECIES-76	31	35	22	10	42	22	48	

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1977 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 2-19 (3) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR); 2-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 2-26 (18) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)

Western Grebe At least one all month, Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)

Double-crested Cormorant One immature all month, Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)

Snow Goose ("white" form) One adult all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Redhead 2-17 (150) Church Lake, Westminster (JJC); 2-27 (580) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Canvasback 2-5 (1 pair) gravel pits at 70th and York (JR); 2-20 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR) 2-28 (3 males) Kendrick Lake (JJC)

Barrow's Goldeneye 2-19 and 2-20 (1 male) Lake Estes, Estes Park (JR)

Bufflehead 2-5 (1 male, 4 females) below spillway at Chatfield Dam (JR); 2-19 (1 pair) McCall's Lake east of Lyons (JR); 2-24 (1 male) Kendrick Lake (JJC)

Ruddy Duck 2-9 (1) Maple Grove Reservoir (JJC); 2-28 (1) Kendrick Lake (JJC)

Hooded Merganser 2-5 (2 pair) South Platte River, Denver (JR); 2-19 (1 pair) McCall's Lake east of Lyons (JR)

Sharp-shinned Hawk One or two all month, Lakewood (JJC)

Cooper's Hawk 2-19 (2) Mile High Duck Club (JR)

Red-tailed Hawk 2-5 (1 erythristic adult) top of Wilkerson Pass between Hartsel and Woodland Park west of Colorado Springs (RA); (Harlan's" race) at least two adults all month around Chatfield Reservoir (west side) and into the mouth of Deer Creek Canyon (JJC, JR)

Ferruginous Hawk 2-5 (1 adult) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (JR)

Bald Eagle 2-27 (8 adults, 1 immature) Jackson Reservoir (JR); a total of 29 birds were counted at Jackson Reservoir on 2-23 before the ice broke up (Park Personnel)

Common Snipe At least two all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Long-eared Owl 2-24 (1) Bow-Mar (JJC)

Short-eared Owl At least one all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Belted Kingfisher 2-5 (3) South Platte River, Denver (JR)

Downy Woodpecker ("Nelson's" race) One female all month at suet feeder, Cherry Creek Village (JR)

Gray Jay 2-20 (4) Echo Lake (RS)

Clark's Nutcracker 2-19 (2) Bear Lake, RMNP (JR); 2-20 (5) Echo Lake (RS)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD FIELD TRIPS! The Denver Field Ornithologists are probably the most unique "Bird Watchers" in the United States in that we schedule Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. This tradition has been carried on for many years and has been very popular with our membership as well as with visitors from outside Colorado. However, it has become increasingly more difficult to find volunteers to lead our weekly Field Trips. Therefore, if you are interested in volunteering to lead a Field Trip, please contact Ray Olson, Field Trip Chairman at 424-6823 or write to him at 8651 West 38th, Wheatridge, Colorado 80033. The Denver Field Ornithologists depend on your support in this endeavor.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM

APRIL MEETING: APRIL 26, 1977

PROGRAM: "Prairie Grouse Management" by Walter D. Graul, Nongame Bird Specialist, Colorado Division of Wildlife.

MARCH 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- MARCH
- 5, Saturday. Jefferson County: Sloan's Lake, Wheatridge Green Belt, Red Rocks Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Ray Mars, Roland Olderog, Bob Spencer, Jeanne Thorne, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear becoming cloudy; 20°-40°). 42 miles, 7 hours. (36 species)
 - 6, Sunday. Boulder and Longmont Area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Helen and Tom Singer. (Clear; Wind, calm; 25°-60°). 8 hours. (53 species)
 - 12, Saturday. Spring Gulch, Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Warren Finch, Ruth Wheeler. (Clearing; light wind; cool). 44 miles, 8 hours. (45 species)
 - 13, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Kathryn and Ken Whipple. Observers: Dinorah and Joe Hagadon, Fred Hager, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Jones, Sandra Levine, Thompson Marsh, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Helen and Tom Singer. (Clear; windy; 39°-67°). (33 species)
 - 19, Saturday. North Denver: Sloan's Lake and lakes and gravel pits (58th to 88th and Lowell and Highway 93). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Joyce and John Cooper, Dinorah and Joseph Hargadon, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Ray Mars, Sadie Morrison, Roland Olderog. (Clear; very windy; 25°-50°). 52 miles, 7½ hours. (31 species)
 - 20, Sunday. Denver lakes to Mile High Duck Club. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observers: Christine Bonney, Edie Ekoto. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, 40-60 MPH). 113 miles, 5½ hours. (20 species)
 - 26, Saturday. Jefferson County: McLelland Reservoir, Blakeland to Louviers. Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman. Observers: Margaret Boudreau, Hazel Kellogg, Dorothy Mareya, Cecily Mellor. (Partly Cloudy; 44°-50°). 53 miles, 5½ hours. (26 species)
 - 26, Saturday. Pueblo Area: Lake Minnequa, City Park, Honor Farm, Arkansas River and C.F.&I. Lakes. Observers: Carolyn and Dave Griffiths, Lenora Olivas. (Sunny; calm; cool). 27 miles, 5 hours. (65 species)
 - 26, Saturday. Northeast Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, Goodrich, Jackson Reservoir and Muir Springs Park. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Partly Cloudy to Clear, blowing dust in afternoon; Wind, SW, 18-25 MPH, gusting to 40+; 33°-64°). 234 miles, 11 hours. (60 species)
 - 27, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club. Leader: Joe Roller. Observers: Marge and Glenn Aderhold, Joyce and John Cooper, Barbara Ennis, Peter Gent, Dan Hogan, Mary Huber, Jack Reddall, Marjorie Roberts, Mary Robinson. (Clear; Wind, S, 5 MPH; 40°-60°). 90 miles, 6½ hours. (57 species)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Glenn Aderhold - 605 Lotus Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80020
Robert Bright - 5525 South Elmwood Street, Littleton, Colorado 80120
Dieter Kamm - Star Route Box 458, Morrison, Colorado 80465
Our membership now totals 244.

MARCH	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	26	26	27
Downy Woodpecker	1						1			2
"eastern" race				1						3
Ladder-backed Woodpecker							1 ma			
Horned Lark		5	7	5			3		53	20
Blue Jay	1								2	
Steller's Jay	12									
Scrub Jay	3		1							
Black-billed Magpie	60	60	12	4	62	7	18	13	23	50
Northern Raven								2		
American Crow	2	22			1	1		3	1	
Black-capped Chickadee	10	6	4				2	4	11	3
Mountain Chickadee	4	4	2					1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	1						1		
Brown Creeper								3	2	1
North American Dipper	3		1							
American Robin	35	210	42	2	15		9	65	23	6
Eastern Bluebird									1 ma	
Mountain Bluebird				5	28			1		
Townsend's Solitaire	2							1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1
Bohemian Waxwing	1	30								20
Cedar Waxwing								4		
Northern Shrike		1	1			1				
European Starling	100	250	85	2	239	100	25	140	310	45
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race								5		
House Sparrow	45	25			20		30	128	250	36
Western Meadowlark		20	10	6	10	5	24	6	140	96
Red-winged Blackbird	5	10		7	15		15	610	16475	365
Brewer's Blackbird					2				15	38
Common Grackle								7	1	1
Brown-headed Cowbird								1		
House Finch	20	40		4			34	34	32	6
Pine Siskin		3	15							12
American Goldfinch				4			4		13	52
Rufous-sided Towhee	4		1							
Northern Junco		4			2					
"White-winged" race	2		2	1						
"Slate-colored" race	6		4	3				6	3	3
"Oregon" race	15		15				6	10	39	4
Gray-headed Junco	13	2								
American Tree Sparrow		20	8	6	3			1	10	
Harris' Sparrow			2		1					
White-crowned Sparrow								85	2	3
Swamp Sparrow								1		
Song Sparrow	6	3	20	2			2	22	18	12
Lapland Longspur		1								
TOTAL SPECIES-102	36	53	45	33	31	20	26	65	60	57

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1977 REPORTS:

- Snow Goose ("White" form) 3-31 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
- Cinnamon Teal 3-7 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
- Greater Scaup 3-20 (1 male) Henry's Lake, Jefferson County (JJC)
- Barrow's Goldeneye 3-6 (1 male) Lake Estes, Estes Park (BL, LL)
- Northern Goshawk 3-19 (1) Lake Dillon (JRo); 3-31 (1) 17th and Williams, Denver (KH)
- Red-tailed Hawk (Harlan's" race) 3-12 (1 adult), 3-30 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)
- Golden Eagle 3-19 (1 adult) Sedalia (JR)
- Bald Eagle 3-19 (1 adult, 1 immature) Genessee Mountain (JR)
- Merlin 3-22 (1 female) Bonnie Brae, south Denver (KH)
- Virginia Rail At least two all month, Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- 2 Glaucous Gull 3-5 (4) Fort Collins (JRo); 3-5 (1 adult) Union Reservoir, Longmont (BL); 3-6 (1) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (BL, LL); 3-12 through 3-19 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- 3 Thayer's Gull Two first year immatures and one sub-adult (3rd year bird) all month at Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); also observed on 3-25 (SL, VR).
- Burrowing Owl 3-31 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
- Long-eared Owl 3-6 (4) St. Vrain Road, Boulder County (BL, LL)
- Short-eared Owl 3-13 (7) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BL, LL); 3-19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- 5 Saw-whet Owl 3-27 (1) Denver (JF)
- Common Nighthawk 3-25 (1) Denver (CK); 3-26 (1) Commerce City (CK); 3-27 (12) Lyons (CK)
- White-throated Swift 3-26 (2) Red Rocks Park (DT)
- Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 3-2 (1 female) found dead at 1061 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC), "yellow shafts, red nape, brown cheeks, gray crown, no whisker mark".
- Downy Woodpecker ("Nelson's" race) One female all month, Cherry Creek Village (JR)
- Tree Swallow 3-25 (2) Castlewood Canyon (SL, JR, VR)

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Scrub Jay 3-24 (1) 104th and Pecos, Northglenn (HH)
Pygmy Nuthatch 3-19 (5) Genessee Mountain Park (JR)
Brown Creeper 3-5 (2) Waterton (JR)
Marsh Wren 3-1 through 3-25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC, JR)
Canyon Wren 3-25 (1) Castlewood Canyon (SL, JR, VR)
Western Bluebird 3-26 (4) Genessee Mountain Park (JJC); 3-27 (1 male) Castlewood Canyon (JR)

Bohemian Waxwing Large numbers throughout the Denver area all month; 3-31 (11) 80th and Pecos (HH)

Cedar Waxwing 3-11 (1) Denver (JRo)

Yellow-headed Blackbird 3-25 (4) Barr Lake State Park (PE)

Rusty Blackbird 3-15 (7), 3-16 (27) and 3-19 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 3-24 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BL)

Common Grackle 3-26 (4) 104th and Sheridan (HH)

Black Rosy Finch 3-12 (5), 3-18 (2), 3-20 (7), 3-21 (28) and 3-22 (30) Green Mountain (ME)

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 3-18 (1) and 3-22 (4) Green Mountain (ME)

Harris' Sparrow 3-17 (2) Barr Lake State Park (JJC); 3-25 (1 adult, 1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (PE)

CONTRIBUTORS: Joyce and John Cooper (JJC), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), John Forgach (JF), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Harold Holt (HH), Chuck Kangas (CK), Steve Larson (SL), Bill Lybarger (BL), Linda Lybarger (LL), Jack Reddall (JR), Van Remsen (VR), Joe Roller (JRo), Donald Thatcher (DT).

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NOTICE! The nesting season is under way. Call Nancy Hurley (757-0837) for Cornell University Nesting Cards and information.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

The following slate of Officers for the Denver Field Ornithologists has been proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve from September 1977 through August 1978:

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Margaret Elliott

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Harold Holt

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Election of Officers will be held at the May 1977 meeting.

(Submitted by Harold Holt, Chairman)

Nominating Committee

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1977

MAY

- 1, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
- 7, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir and Castlewood Dam Area. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at the east gate entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 7:00 A.M. *
- 8, Sunday. Boulder Area. Leader: Bruce Bosley (443-4629). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (South Logan and US 285) at 6:00 A.M. Meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers), Boulder at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day or longer). Lunch optional.
- 14, Saturday. Spring Count.
- 15, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 21, Saturday. Fort Morgan Area. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at the Museum of Natural History, north side, at 6:30 A.M. *
- 22, Sunday. Barr Lake Area. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. Six mile walking trip. *
- 28, Saturday. Waterton Area. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (Southwest corner of May D and F parking lot) at 7:30 A.M. Lunch optional.
- 29, Sunday. Tamarac Ranch and Red Lion Area. Leader: Bill Lybarger (751-8174). Meet at the hunter check-in area at Tamarac Ranch at 8:00 A.M. (right off freeway). Camping at Jumbo (Julesburg) Reservoir. Four hour drive from Denver. Exit at Creek. Should see Eastern Meadowlarks. *

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CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS PLEASE NOTE: The Editor welcomes individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports deemed as unusual and as augmenting the reports furnished by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Individual reports must include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen (sex or plumage if possible) and specific location in order to be considered for inclusion in the Lark Bunting.

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MAY MEETING: MAY 24, 1977

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977-1978

PROGRAM: "Barr Lake State Park-A Look into the Future" by Steve Reese (Park Ranger)

APRIL 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

APRIL

- 2, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Dave Griffiths. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 2, Saturday. Northeast of Denver: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club and Prospect Reservoir. Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast with sky obscured at times in moderate snow; Wind, SE, 18-25 MPH; 27°-36°). 124 miles, 7½ hours. (62 species)
- 3, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 8, Friday. Northeast Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir and return to Denver. Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable, 1-3 MPH; 44°-78°). 308 miles, 11½ hours. (67 species)
- 9, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leaders: Margo and Ward Chadwick. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Virginia and Tom Faxon, Carol Feldman, Mark Goodbody, Dinorah and Joe Hargadon, Vi Hubka, Beth and Art Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Lynn McCarthy, Cicely Mellor, Helen Platner, Mark Rist, Marjorie Roberts, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; Mild). 27 miles, 5 hours. (28 species)
- 10, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Lori Chappell, Joyce and John Cooper. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, SE, 5-15 MPH; 60°-80°). 6 hours. (53 species)
- 16, Saturday. Douglas County/Elbert County Sharp-tailed Grouse Census. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 16, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club. Observers: (Three Parties) 1-Warren Finch, Bob Spencer; 2-Dinorah and Joe Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison; 3-Vi and Henry Bossman. (Cloudy becoming Partly Cloudy; Wind, calm). 24½ party hours. (54 species)
- 17, Sunday. Northeast Colorado: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir and Prospect Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Ward Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Joyce and John Cooper, David and Myckky Leep, Bee Merry, Marcy Merry. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, Variable, 1-3 MPH becoming N, 8-12 MPH; 44°-68°). 216 miles, 11½ hours. (72 species)
- 23, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Carol Forsythe, Jo Ann Forsythe, Fred Hage, Nancy Jones, Dave McCargo, Thompson Marsh, Bee Merry, Marcy Merry, Mary Robinson, Helen Singer, Vito Tursi. (32 species)
- 23, Saturday. Northeast Colorado: Castlewood Canyon, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club, Greeley, Latham Reservoir, Briggsdale, Red Lion State Wildlife Area and Julesburg. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, N, 12-18 MPH; 40°-70°). 331 miles, 14 hours. (100 species)
- 24, Sunday. Northeast Colorado: Julesburg, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Tamarack Ranch, Prewitt Reservoir and Prospect Reservoir. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Partly Cloudy; Wind, Variable, 1-3 MPH; 44°-70°). 235 miles, 11 hours. (91 species)
- 24, Sunday. Jefferson County: Mt. Lindo and adjacent Denver Mountain Parks. Leader: Chuck Kangas. Observer: Doris Anderson. (Fair). 5 hours. (21 species)
- 30, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Lori Chappell, Joyce and John Cooper, Mindy Elswick, Virginia

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and Tom Faxon, Warren Finch, Joe Hines, Art and Beth Jackson, Nancy Jones, Chuck Kangas, David and Myckky Leep, Susan Levin, Thompson Marsh, Bee and Paul Merry, Marcy Merry, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Janet Sherwood, Helen Singer, Bob Spencer, John and Doug Ward, Andy Wilbur. (75 species)

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APRIL AREA HABITAT	2 NEDN PLNS	8 NECO PLNS	9 KCRL PLFT	10 BLDR PLNS	16 BARR PLNS	17 NECO PLNS	23 PNG PLNS	23 NECO FTPL	24 NECO PLNS	24 JEFF MTNS	30 W/CR PLNS
Horned Grebe	4	33		25		1		4	4		10
Eared Grebe		49				1		2	19		2
Western Grebe						275		25	55		28
Pied-billed Grebe					1		2	2	1		2
American White Pelican		39			2	43		8	25		
Double-crested Cormorant	4	18		1	17	8		15	7		4
Great Blue Heron	1	68		75	17	4		11	14		22
Black-crowned Night Heron									1		
White-faced Ibis					6		2				
Canada Goose	33	4		250	5	12		58	91		10
Snow Goose											
"White" form	1										
Mallard	238	1016	14	100	35	36	25	221	160		20
Gadwall	337	470		50	15	67	16	240	325		10
Common Pintail	1623	565		20	16	16	16	85	140		1
Green-winged Teal	465	340	4	100	28	42		60	127		16
Blue-winged teal	12	10	2	4	6	46		36	59		18
Cinnamon Teal	16	5		6	6	7		10	5		4
American Wigeon	177	527		50	11	30	2	88	288		18
Northern Shoveler	50	2575		20	100	2150		332	2125		30
Wood Duck				2		1 ma					3
Redhead	172	173		100	4	14		2	2		5
Ring-necked Duck		11				6			9		
Canvasback	8	2		10			6		1		
Lesser Scaup	114	129		40	18	80	7	40	306		20
Common Goldeneye	4										
Bufflehead	2	77		25	11	1 pr		3	3		
Ruddy Duck	1	51		20	70	19	2	18	120		
Common Merganser	63	55		30			10	1 pr	50		12
Red-breasted Merganser						8					
Turkey Vulture								3		1	2
Cooper's Hawk		1								1 im	
Red-tailed Hawk											
"Western" race	3	1	3		2	2	2	3	3		2
Broad-winged Hawk											1 ad
Swainson's Hawk					2	5		8	4		
Rough-legged Hawk	7	1				2		1	1		
Ferruginous Hawk	1					1	3	2	1		
Golden Eagle											1 ad
Bald Eagle										1 ad	
Northern Harrier	6	5			3	4		3	2		1
Prairie Falcon	1		1								
Merlin	1										
American Kestrel	16	29	1	6	21	27	8	13	7		9
Blue Grouse										1 ma	
Common Bobwhite						3			1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	5	6	1	1	13	5		3	10		3
Virginia Rail											1
Sora											2
American Coot	32	66		200	51	23	15	132	2150		300
American Avocet	33	51		30	35	29	2	29	21		
Semipalmated Plover								1	1		
Killdeer	137	30	2	25	15	26	4	18	36		8
Marbled Godwit									1		
Long-billed Curlew								1			
Greater Yellowlegs	2	7		4	5			10	1		2
Lesser Yellowlegs		2		1	21	1		18	72		
Solitary Sandpiper								1	1		
Willet								3	1		2
Wilson's Phalarope	1 pr	1 pr			2			11	23		

APRIL	2	8	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	24	30
Common Snipe	1	6	1		1	9		1	2		
Long-billed Dowitcher				1	47			41	40		14
Semipalmated Sandpiper								6	2		
Western Sandpiper								1	1		
Least Sandpiper						2		20	175		
Baird's Sandpiper	28	26				4		64	50		
Stilt Sandpiper								2	2		
Herring Gull	31	7		2							
Thayer's Gull	1 im	1 im									
California Gull	1			2		2		18	25		6
Ring-billed Gull	128	90		200		6		28	6		
Franklin's Gull	1			10					5		
Bonaparte's Gull						11			6		
Forster's Tern								5	2		1
Rock Dove	26	18	18	25	25	31		41	24		12
Mourning Dove		9		4	11	16	27	36	43	9	37
Great Horned Owl	1	1							3		2
Burrowing Owl		1	2			3	14	4			
Long-eared Owl	1										
White-throated Swift								3			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird											1
Belted Kingfisher		1		1		1	1	1			1
Common Flicker				25							16
"Yellow-shafted" race		2				2		1	12		
"Red-shafted" race	3	13	3		5	4		3	8	2	
Hairy Woodpecker				1						1	
"eastern" races		1				1		3	4		
Downy Woodpecker			1	3	2						5
"eastern" races		2				6		2	1		
Say's Phoebe	1	1	2			1	4	1	1		
Horned Lark	112	80	4		20	51	410	88	14		8
Tree Swallow						1			2		
Rough-winged Swallow						9		8	4		
Barn Swallow					1	5		6	2		5
Cliff Swallow											2
Blue Jay		8				11		1			
Steller's Jay								2		9	
Scrub Jay			1					15			1
Black-billed Magpie	98	50	2	75	22	28	1	24	9		9
Northern Raven			1					1			2
American Crow	1	1	29	3	1			5		2	1
Black-capped Chickadee		9	4	5	6	6		1	7	1	23
Mountain Chickadee								2		11	
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	1	1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1									
Pygmy Nuthatch								6		3	
House Wren								1			51
Marsh Wren				3				1			
Canyon Wren			1					1			1
American Robin	63	19		150	25	19	7	19	17	17	22
Western Bluebird								3			
Mountain Bluebird	8							7		2	
Townsend's Solitaire								1		8	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1	
Water Pipit	27										
Bohemian Waxwing		12									
Loggerhead Shrike	2				3	2	1		3		1
European Starling	2955	465	46	100	130	150	12	77	115	4	16
Orange-crowned Warbler									1		3
Yellow-rumped Warbler				2							2
"Myrtle" race							5	1	28		22
"Audubon's" race						5			2		31
House Sparrow	150	155	6	40	40	275	1	92	62		
Eastern Meadowlark NO								2	2		
Western Meadowlark	112	225	29	15	102	337	88	230	230		49
Yellow-headed Blackbird	38	5			30	29		98	215		10
Red-winged Blackbird	2625	1460		300	110	1200	20	215	747		31
Brewer's Blackbird					6	3		82	4		
Common Grackle	1	48		100	75	304		150	200		7
Brown-headed Cowbird						2		4	32		15
Lazuli Bunting											2 ma
Evening Grosbeak											4
Cassin's Finch										2	1
House Finch	55	2	8	25	5	10		17	6	2	2

APRIL	2	8	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	24	30
Pine Siskin				20				12	1		11
American Goldfinch		1		2		4		5	16		
Rufous-sided Towhee											
"Spotted" race								5			37
Savannah Sparrow								2	2		4
Vesper Sparrow							3	1	3		3
Lark Sparrow											4
Northern Junco											
"Oregon" race		10	3		1	2			1		
Gray-headed Junco			1					1		11	
American Tree Sparrow	1				1						
Chipping Sparrow						8	7	7	3		2
Brewer's Sparrow									1		
Harris' Sparrow								1			4
White-crowned Sparrow	14	2	3	2	5	12		3	4		12
Song Sparrow	5	1		3	5	1		2	2		23
McCown's Longspur							20	5			
TOTAL SPECIES-141	62	67	28	53	54	72	32	100	91	21	75

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1977 REPORTS:

Snow Goose ("White" form) 4-16 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Wood Duck 4-3 (two pair) Denver City Park (DML)
 Turkey Vulture 4-16 (1) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County (JR); 4-17 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 4-12 (1) Boulder (BK); 4-14 (1 adult) Aurora (JR)
 Cooper's Hawk 4-16 (1 adult) Red Rocks Park (JR)
 Golden Eagle 4-16 (1 adult, 1 immature) Red Pocks Park (JR)
 Osprey 4-3 (1) Marston Reservoir, BowMar (KH); 4-24 (1) along the South Platte River near Chatfield Reservoir (BF,DW,JW,AW)
 Wild Turkey 11 seen on several occasions during the month south of Evergreen (ET)
 Marbled Godwit 4-20 (5) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RW); 4-30 (1) Mile High Duck Club (RA,JR)
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird 4-24 (1) Waterton (ET)
 Barn Swallow 4-14 (2) Aurora (JR)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch One pair all month in yard, Denver (HK); 4-16 (2) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County (JR)
 Brown Creeper 4-16 (2) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County (JR)
 Rock Wren 4-30 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
 Water Pipit 4-16 (15) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Bohemian Waxwing Last reported 4-19 (20) Boulder (BK)
 128 Worm-eating Warbler 4-24 (1) Waterton (BF,DW,JW,AW)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Myrtle" race) 4-14 (1) Congress Park, Denver (HK); ("Audubon's" race) 4-14 (1 male) Aurora (JR)
 114 Palm Warbler 4-20 (1) and 4-21 (1), Fairmont Lake, Denver (JW, and several others)
 Northern Oriole ("Bullock's" race) 4-30 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Black Rosy Finch 4-2 (35+) Green Mountain (ME)
 135 White-winged Crossbill 4-11 (2) Denver (DT)
 Northern Junco ("Oregon" race) 4-30 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Chipping Sparrow 4-12 (1) south of Evergreen (ET)
 Fox Sparrow 4-12 (1) Green Mountain (ME); 4-22 (1 "Western" race) Evergreen (ET)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Margaret Elliott (ME), Bob Furman (BF), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Hugh Kingery (HK), Barry Knapp (BK), David and Myckky Leep (DML), Jack Reddall (JR), Don Thatcher (DT), Edna Thomas (ET), Doug Ward (DW), Judy Ward (JW), Ruth Wheeler (RW), Andy Wilbur (AW).

CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS PLEASE NOTE: The Editor welcomes individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish those reports deemed as unusual and as augmenting the reports furnished by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Individual reports must include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen (sex or plumage if possible) and specific location in order to be considered for inclusion in the Lark Bunting.

NOTICE! NOTICE! The nesting season is under way. Call Nancy Hurley (757-0837) for Cornell University Nesting Cards and information.

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Submitted by Harold Holt, Chairman
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1977

- JUNE 4, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek area. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
- 5, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Judy Ward (377-4942). Meet at north parking lot at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. Bring water and insect repellent. Lots of walking! *
- 11, Saturday. Burland Estates near Bailey. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (May D&F west parking lot) at 8:00 A.M. or at the Hilander Inn on Route 285 at 8:45 A.M. *
- 12, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Chuck Kangas (322-9929). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. or at the Waterton Bridge at 8:00 A.M. *
- 18, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at north parking lot at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 19, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day).
- 25, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leaders: Margo and Ward Chadwick (355-6829). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. or at Ken Caryl Ranch House at 8:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day).
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JUNE 1977 FIELD TRIPS CONTINUED:

JUNE 26, Sunday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Warner Reeser. Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 6:45 A.M. or meet leader at the National Park Headquarters Building, Estes Park at 8:30 A.M. *

* Bring Lunch

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or a list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308.
 2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as any individual reports) is the fifth of the following month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips.
 3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
 4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.
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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

MAY 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- MAY 1, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 7, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Warren Finch, Dick Frantz, Joe Hines, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, mostly calm; 49°-81°). 9 miles, 8½ hours. (57 species)
- 7, Saturday. Southeastern Colorado (SECO): Castlewood Canyon, Pueblo, Ordway, La Junta, Lamar and Springfield. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Cloudy, fog becoming clear; wind, NE, 8-12 MPH; 50°-77°). 332 miles, 12½ hours. (96 species)
- 8, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Bruce Bosley. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 8, Sunday. Baca County (BACA): Campo, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Canyon and Springfield. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Clear; wind, SW, 12-18 MPH; 62°-80°). 159 miles, 11 hours. (61 species)
- 9, Monday. Baca County (BACA): Springfield to Two Buttes Reservoir. Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming cloudy with severe thunderstorms by afternoon; wind, SE, 30-40 MPH with gusts to 60+; 62°-85°). 57 miles, 9 hours. (63 species)
- 9, Monday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club (BARR). Observer: Bill Lybarger. (57 species)
- 14, Saturday. SPRING COUNT (see separate details)
- 15, Sunday. NO TRIPS SCHEDULED.
- 21, Saturday. Adena Community southwest of Fort Morgan (FTM). Leader: Joseph C. Rigli. Observers: Robert Glover, Susan Levin, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Ray Olson, Robert Spencer. (Overcast to cloudy; wind, NE; 40°-60°). 12 miles, 6 hours. (28 species)
- 22, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Millie and Dick Dawson, Roger DeVries, Dick Frantz, Brian Mann, Virginia Overman, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Marjorie Roberts, Sandy Westendorf, Dale Wilkins. (72 species)
- 28, Saturday. Waterton (WAT). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Art and Phine Butler, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Denorah and Joe Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, overcast, rain; 51°). 26 miles, 6 hours. (28 species)
- 28, Saturday. Julesburg area: Jumbo Reservoir, Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Julesburg. Observers: Bob Andrews, Barry Knapp, Steve Larson. (113 species)
- 29, Sunday. Julesburg area: Jumbo Reservoir, Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Julesburg. Leader: Bill Lybarger. Observers: Bob Andrews, Barry Knapp, Steve Larson, Brian Mann, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Robert Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, SW, 8-12 MPH; 55°-80°). 123 miles, 14 hours. (106 species)
- 30, Monday. Julesburg area: Jumbo Reservoir, Ovid, Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife area to Sterling. Observers: Robert Andrews, Barry Knapp, Steve Larson, Bill Lybarger, Jack Reddall. (Overcast becoming clear; severe flooding from torrential night time rains of 4 inches plus; wind, NE, 12-18 MPH; 57°-75°). 8 hours. (96 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting.

MAY	7	7	8	9	9	14	21	22	28	28	29	30
AREA	CCR	SECO	BACA	BACA	BARR	SPCT	FTM	BAR	WAT	JULESBURG		
HABITAT	PLN	FTPL	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN
Eared Grebe	6	4			1			1		1	40	
Western Grebe	10	250			12	11		25		3	1	15
Pied-billed Grebe		3				1		1		1	1	
American White Pelican						8		4				
Double-crested Cormorant		4			18	3		15		2	1	1
Great Blue Heron		1		2	12	4		15		6	5	3
Green Heron								1		1		3
Great Egret										1	1	
Snowy Egret								2				
Black-crowned Night Heron								2		4	3	2
White-faced Ibis								11				
Canada Goose	5	1		5		12		20		26	20	15
Snow Goose						1						
"White" form		2 ad								1		
Mallard	14	83	3	3	80	76	2	35		22	40	3
Gadwall	2	205			22	15		10		25	50	2
Common Pintail		10			12	6	2	25		21	20	2
Green-winged Teal		10				4				6	10	
Blue-winged Teal	4	4			18	7		20		30	30	10
Cinnamon Teal		2			8	8		10		2		
American Wigeon		25			8	X				8	5	
Northern Shoveler		310			16	18		25		40	30	2
Wood Duck						1						
Redhead				1 fe				15		25	50	
Ring-necked Duck						1						
Canvasback		1 fe				2		2		4	4	
Lesser Scaup		30								5	6	
Bufflehead						1						
Ruddy Duck	15	15				2		3		15	20	
Common Merganser	1							1				
Turkey Vulture		16	7	1		1						
Mississippi Kite											1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1 ad								1	
Cooper's Hawk						2						
Red-tailed Hawk						2						
"Western" race										1		1
Swainson's Hawk		2	4		4	1	1	3		4	2	2
Ferruginous Hawk				1								
Golden Eagle			2 ad	2 ad		1						
Northern Harrier	2		1 fe	1 fe	1		2					
Prairie Falcon					1							
American Kestrel	4	11	6	2	3	11		3	2	9	2	2
Lesser Prairie Chicken			15									
Common Bobwhite		1	2							1	3	3
Scaled Quail			13									
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	3				1	5	2		10	3	5
Virginia Rail	1							1				
American Coot	17	205		6	30	19		200		15	70	20
Black-necked Stilt		4										
American Avocet		6			10	37		11		10	6	8
Semipalmated Plover		5		4		2						
Killdeer	4	14	5	19	8	9	2	14		77	60	10
Snowy Plover		3		1								
Black-bellied Plover		49		1								
HUDSONIAN GODWIT*										1		
Long-billed Curlew			7				1					
Upland Sandpiper			1							4	1	8
Lesser Yellowlegs		4				1						
Solitary Sandpiper						1						
Willet					1	1						
Spotted Sandpiper	4	8				4		8		8	10	2
Wilson's Phalarope	3	50		1 ma	60	36		25		100	50	6
Northern Phalarope								25		60	50	10
Common Snipe	2							1				
Long-billed Dowitcher		18			15	31						
Sanderling	1									6	1	

MAY	7	7	8	9	9	14	21	22	28	28	29	30
Semipalmated Sandpiper				2						8	5	
Western Sandpiper		25								1		
Least Sandpiper		4		20							3	
White-rumped Sandpiper										70	40	3
Baird's Sandpiper		1		18								
Pectoral Sandpiper										1		
Stilt Sandpiper				6		1				30	10	1
Herring Gull	1(?)											
California Gull						2					1	1
Ring-billed Gull	5	7		3		8				2	25	10
Franklin's Gull	1	5								6	80	50
Bonaparte's Gull	1										1	
Forster's Tern		5				2				10	8	2
Common Tern										2	1	
Black Tern	2	5				2				300	255	75
Rock Dove	3	12	12	11	22					15	25	3
Mourning Dove	7	145	190	49	30	44	8	50	7	120	267	21
Yellow-billed Cuckoo										4	1	1
Black-billed Cuckoo										2	2	
Greater Roadrunner			1									
Barn Owl			1							1		
Great Horned Owl	4						4	1		1	1	1
Burrowing Owl	2	1			1		3			1	1	
Long-eared Owl	1											
Common Nighthawk								1	1	7	4	1
Chimney Swift										6	3	5
White-throated Swift						6						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		3				3			3			
Belted Kingfisher			1			4				5	4	1
Common Flicker												
"Yellow-shafted" race										11	10	7
"Red-shafted" race	4	6	7		6	16		2	1	1	4	
Red-headed Woodpecker				1				4		7	12	7
Lewis' Woodpecker		1	9							1		
Hairy Woodpecker												
eastern races										3	3	
Downy Woodpecker	2				4	2						
estern races		1								1	3	1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker				1 fe								
Eastern Kingbird		1	1	2	6	1	4	40		74	56	21
Western Kingbird	9	120	47	28	9	6	10	20		44	79	17
Cassin's Kingbird			3									
Great Crested Flycatcher											1	
Ash-throated Flycatcher			1									
Eastern Phoebe			4							1		1
Say's Phoebe			6	3						1	1	
Willow Flycatcher										1	1	2
Dusky Flycatcher		1										
Western Flycatcher						1						
Empidonax						1						1
Western Pewee					2	1			1	3		3
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1				1				
Horned Lark	1	53	175	37	16	8	15	30		75	47	10
Violet-green Swallow		15				X			10			
Tree Swallow	2					1		2				
Bank Swallow						2					5	
Rough-winged Swallow	2	8	8	6		1		5		27	15	
Barn Swallow	3	39	15	4	24	17	10	90	15	67	84	10
Cliff Swallow		95	3	4		118				224	300	50
Blue Jay							1			11	15	15
Steller's Jay		1				2						
Scrub Jay		1				3						
Black-billed Magpie	5	30	2	1	28	51	1	10	5	5	3	2
Northern Raven		1				2						
White-necked Raven		2	7									
American Crow		6	3			8				1	1	
Black-capped Chickadee	3	1			4	6		4		8	10	4
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				1					1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1										
House Wren	7	18	1		10	15		20	1	37	67	25
Bewick's Wren			8	2								
Canyon Wren		1	3	2		2						
Rock Wren			3	2								
Northern Mockingbird		5	16							1		

MAY	7	7	8	9	9	14	21	22	28	28	29	30
Gray Catbird				1		3		1	1	1	4	2
Brown Thrasher		7		2			1			15	20	16
Curve-billed Thrasher		1										
American Robin	9	22	3	3	16	28		8	10	56	26	35
Hermit Thrush					1							
Swainson's Thrush				1				8		10	5	62
Veery										3		
Eastern Bluebird										1	4	
Western Bluebird						4						
Mountain Bluebird		3				7						
Cedar Waxwing												35
Loggerhead Shrike		2	9				1	1		2		
European Starling	23	135	3	1	34	51		100	5	80	55	70
Bell's Vireo										8	12	8
Red-eyed Vireo										1		5
Warbling Vireo										7	5	5
<u>GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER*</u>					1							
Tennessee Warbler												1
Orange-crowned Warbler								1				
Virginia's Warbler		2	1 ma									
Yellow Warbler		2	9	4	2	13	2	15	14	36	23	18
Magnolia Warbler					1							
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Myrtle" race	1		2									
"Audubon's" race	4		34	8	3	6	5	2				
<u>Black-throated Green Warbler</u>				1 ma								
<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler</u>				1 ma	1							2
<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>		1 ma										1
Ovenbird												3
MacGillivray's Warbler					1			2				1
<u>Common Yellowthroat</u>	4	4	1 ma	2	7			7		18	12	8
Yellow-breasted Chat						4			1	5	13	11
Wilson's Warbler												1
American Redstart					1				1		1	
House Sparrow	5	180	56	28	37	10	20	20	5	68	125	10
Bobolink										15	15	1
<u>Eastern Meadowlark</u>										3	2	
Western Meadowlark	17	275	124	18	19	52	8	35	3	103	235	75
Yellow-headed Blackbird		55		1 ma	50	168		20		17	28	10
Red-winged Blackbird	20	380	6	13	30	120	4	100	2	125	135	60
Orchard Oriole										63	61	26
Northern Oriole					5	3			7			
"Baltimore" race										7	8	2
"Bullock's" race	3	4	12	4		1	4	50		1	2	4
Brewer's Blackbird		116								56	10	
Common Grackle	11	475	4	2	25	30	8	40	2	79	155	45
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	19	33	4		3	6	10	3	23	115	4
Western Tanager								3				1
Scarlet Tanager												1
Summer Tanager			1 ma									
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				3		2		2		1	2	1
Black-headed Grosbeak		4	1 ma			3	3	1	1	4		1
Blue Grosbeak										2	1	1
Indigo Bunting			1 ma pair			2						1
Lazuli Bunting			1 fe 1 fe			2			8			
Evening Grosbeak						2						
House Finch	4	16	1			6		12	12			4
Pine Siskin	24	12								2	1	
American Goldfinch	5	2				2			15	18	6	5
<u>Lesser Goldfinch</u>						6			2			
Green-tailed Towhee					6	1						
Rufous-sided Towhee						17			2			
"Spotted" race		19								6	7	2
eastern races											1	
Brown Towhee			4	2								
Lark Bunting		14	630	195			10	8		125	95	10
Savannah Sparrow	3									4	6	
Grasshopper Sparrow											8	3
Vesper Sparrow	1	10	1			9						
Lark Sparrow	1	10	21	7				2		18	35	5
Cassin's Sparrow			38								4	3
Northern Junco												
"Oregon" race					1							
Gray-headed Junco					1	1						

MAY	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
Chipping Sparrow	3	56	22	2	15	X		1		3		1
Clay-colored Sparrow				1								1
Brewer's Sparrow			1									1
White-crowned Sparrow				1	1	X						
White-throated Sparrow		1										
Song Sparrow	<u>5</u>				<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>4</u>		<u>1</u>		
TOTAL SPECIES-207	<u>57</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>96</u>

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X Numbers observed not furnished

1977 SPRING COUNT - May 14, 1977

AREA 1: Henry's Lake, Chatfield Reservoir, Waterton. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Mary Jane Schock. 5 hours. (69 species)

AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek. Observers: Phyllis Caswell, Ann Condit, Vi Hubka, Sadie Morrison. 13 miles, 4 hours. (28 species)

AREA 3: Castlewood, Castle Rock, Daniel's Park, McArthur Ranch. Observers: Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. 79 miles, 8½ hours. (31 species)

AREA 4: Mile High Duck Club and Latham Reservoir. Observers: Susan and Thompson Marsh. 7 hours. (44 species)

AREA	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Western Grebe	8			3	11
Pied-billed Grebe	1				1
American White Pelican				8	8
Double-crested Cormorant	3				3
Great Blue Heron	2			2	4
Canada Goose	2	4	2	4	12
Snow Goose				1	1
Mallard	4	12	4	56	76
Gadwall	X			15	15+
Common Pintail				6	6
Green-winged Teal				4	4
Blue-winged Teal	X	1		6	7+
Cinnamon Teal	4			4	8
American Wigeon	X				X
Northern Shoveler	X			18	18+
Wood Duck				1	1
Ring-necked Duck		1			1
Canvasback				2	2
Bufflehead				1	1
Ruddy Duck				2	2
Turkey Vulture			1		1
Cooper's Hawk	2				2
Red-tailed Hawk			2		2
Swainson's Hawk				1	1
Golden Eagle	1				1
American Kestrel	6	1	3	1	11
Ring-necked Pheasant	1				1
American Coot	6	3		10	19
American Avocet				37	37
Semipalmated Plover				2	2
Killdeer	2	3		4	9
Lesser Yellowlegs				1	1
Solitary Sandpiper		1			1
Willet	1				1
Spotted Sandpiper		1		3	4
Wilson's Phalarope				36	36
Long-billed Dowitcher				31	31
Stilt Sandpiper				1	1
California Gull	2				2
Ring-billed Gull	8				8
Forster's Tern				2	2
Black Tern				2	2
Mourning Dove	14	15	3	12	44
White-throated Swift	4		2		6
Belted Kingfisher	2	2			4
Common Flicker					
"Red-shafted" race	6	7	1	2	16
Downy Woodpecker	1		1		2
Eastern Kingbird	1				1
Western Kingbird			1	5	6

AREA	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Western Flycatcher	1				1
Empidonax	1				1
Western Pewee	1				1
Horned Lark			2	6	8
Violet-green Swallow	X				X
Tree Swallow				1	1
Bank Swallow				2	2
Rough-winged Swallow	X	1			1+
Barn Swallow	X	3		14	17+
Cliff Swallow	12		100	6	118
Steller's Jay	1		1		2
Scrub Jay	1		2		3
Black-billed Magpie	5	23	16	7	51
Northern Raven	2				2
American Crow	6		2		8
Black-capped Chickadee	4		2		6
White-breasted Nuthatch			1		1
House Wren	12	1	2		15
Canyon Wren	2				2
Gray Catbird	3				3
American Robin	8	8	11	1	28
Western Bluebird			4		4
Mountain Bluebird			7		7
European Starling	10	29	12		51
Yellow Warbler	13				13
Yellow-rumped Warbler					
"Audubon's" race	X	6			6+
(145) Common Yellowthroat	1	6			7
Yellow-breasted Chat	4				4
House Sparrow	3	2		5	10
Western Meadowlark	8	13	21	10	52
Yellow-headed Blackbird	12	5		141	168
Red-winged Blackbird	10	45	25	40	120
Northern Oriole	3				3
"Bullock's" race		1			1
Common Grackle	3	14	1	12	30
Brown-headed Cowbird	3				3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2				2
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		1		3
Indigo Bunting	1	1			2
Lazuli Bunting	2				2
Evening Grosbeak	2				2
House Finch	6				6
American Goldfinch	2				2
Lesser Goldfinch	6				6
Green-tailed Towhee	1				1
Rufous-sided Towhee	10		7		17
Vesper Sparrow			9		9
Gray-headed Junco			1		1
Chipping Sparrow	X				X
White-crowned Sparrow	X				X
Song Sparrow	2	3			5
TOTAL SPECIES-101	69	28	31	44	101

X Numbers observed not furnished

ADDITIONAL MAY 1977 REPORTS (*pending review by CFO Official Records Committee)

Common Loon 5-1- and 5-11 (1, non-breeding plumage) Bonny Reservoir (JR)
Green Heron 5-11 (1) Bonny Reservoir (JR)
(8) LITTLE BLUE HERON* 5-17 (1 adult and 1 molting immature) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
White-faced Ibis 5-29 (5) Mile High Duck Club (HH)
Greater White-fronted Goose 5-2 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir (BF)
Snow Goose ("White" form) 5-5 (1 immature) Latham Reservoir (BF)
Wood Duck 5-13 (2 pair) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Mississippi Kite 5-11 (1 adult) Bonny Reservoir (MM)
Cooper's Hawk 5-7 (1 immature) Deer Creek Canyon (BL); 5-22 (1) one mile southeast of Castle Rock (ME)
Ferruginous Hawk 5-16 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (MOS)
Golden Eagle 5-9 and 5-10 (3 adults, 1 immature in nest) Two Buttes Reservoir (JR); 5-25 (1 adult) Denver (RG)
Black-necked Stilt 5-8 (1) and 5-16 (1) Mile High Duck Club (MOS)
Semipalmated Plover 5-8 (2) Ault (ME)
Mountain Plover 5-8 (4) Pawnee National Grassland (ME)
Black-bellied Plover 5-8 (1) Ault (ME)
Long-billed Curlew 5-29 (2) Pawnee National Grassland (ME)

Pinyon Jay 5-20 (21) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (RA)
 Northern Mockingbird 5-10 (1) Evergreen (ET)
 Sage Thrasher 5-1 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (BL)
 Wood Thrush 5-20 (1) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BF)
 Weery 5-29 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (ME)
 Eastern Bluebird 5-29 (The four birds reported under "Summary of Field Trips" were two adults feeding two nearly fledged young along South Platte River at Julesburg).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 5-1 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (BL)
 Solitary Vireo 5-20 (1 banded) Aurora (MOS)
 Red-eyed Vireo 5-9 (1 banded) Aurora (MOS); 5-13 (1) Green Mountain (ME)
 Warbling Vireo 5-16 (1) Barr Lake State Park (MOS)
 Black-and-white Warbler 5-11 and 5-12 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir (JR); 5-27 (1) Evergreen (ET)
 (119) GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER* 5-7 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA,BL)
 (118) BLUE-WINGED WARBLER* 5-25 (1 male) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BF)
 Tennessee Warbler 5-10 (1 male) Bonny Reservoir (JR)
 Northern Parula Warbler 5-7 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA,BL); 5-16 (1 male) Aurora (JR)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 5-7 (1 male, 2 females) Barr Lake State Park (RA,BL)
 (111) Chestnut-sided Warbler 5-11 (1 male) Denver (CR)
 Bay-breasted Warbler 5-7 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA,BL); 5-20 and 5-21 (1 male) C.U. Campus, Boulder (BF)
 Blackpoll Warbler 5-7 (2 males) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Ovenbird 5-20 (1) Boulder (RA); 5-22 (1) Boulder (BF)
 Northern Waterthrush 5-10 (1 male) Two Buttes Reservoir (JR); 5-17 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 5-21 (1) Boulder (BF)
 (114) Hooded Warbler 5-7 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 5-27 through 5-29 (1 female) Evergreen (ET)
 Orchard Oriole 5-25 (1 immature male) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 5-29 (1 immature male) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (ME)
 (127) Scarlet Tanager 5-20 (1) Evergreen (WB)
 (129) Summer Tanager 5-15 (1 immature male) Bear Creek Green Belt (MJS)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-8 (1) Barr Lake State Park (MOS); 5-10 (6) Two Buttes Reservoir (JR); 5-15 (1) Morrison Picnic Ground (SM)
 Blue Grosbeak 5-8 (1 male) Pawnee National Grassland (ME)
 Indigo Bunting 5-7 (1 male) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Green-tailed Towhee 5-7 (1) Barr Lake State Park (BL)
 Lark Bunting 5-16 (4) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (MOS)
 McCown's Longspur 5-1 (2) Pawnee National Grassland (BL)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1977

- JULY 8
- 2, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands, Grover Ponds, Muir Springs Park. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. *
 - 3, Sunday. Blue River/Gore Range. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 6:45 A.M. Meet leader at Old Dillon Inn, Silverthorne at 8:00 A.M. *
 - X 9, Saturday. South Park area. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at Jefferson, Colorado (across the street from the Conoco Station) at 8:15 A.M. *
 - 10, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
 - 16, Saturday. Mount Evans area. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *
 - at 7 a.m - 17, Sunday. Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. Leader: Sophia Bogart. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
 - Race - 23, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon and Eldora. Leaders: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) and Gail Shickley. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 24, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 6:30 A.M. Meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers), Boulder at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 30, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon and Jackson Creek. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4862). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 31, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) 7 A.M. Meet leader at West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 7:30 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)

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1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or a list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308.
2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips.
3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

JUNE 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- JUNE
- 4, Saturday. Southeastern Colorado: Pueblo, Huerfano Reservoir, Sugar City, Cheraw, La Junta to Baca County, Carrizo and Cottonwood Canyons (SECO). Observers: Bill and Linda Lybarger. 13 hours. (58 species)
 - 4, Saturday. Willow Springs Ranch, Morrison, Lower Bear Creek and lakes in area (JEFFCO). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Linda Duggan, Joe and Connie Hines, Hazel Kellogg, Robert Spencer, Don and Eva Turnquist, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; warm; slight breeze). 41 miles, 7 hours. (52 species)
 - 4, Northcentral Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon, Waterton, Red Rocks Park, Barr Lake State Park, Ireland, Prospect and Latham Reservoirs (NCCO). Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind, variable, 4-7 MPH; 59°-94°). 261 miles, 12½ hours. (104 species)
 - 5, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal to Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Warren Finch, Fred Hagey, Tom Hollenbeck, Janet Sherwood, Doug Ward. (Clear; 65°-91°). 57 miles, 7 hours. (47 species)
 - 11, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes near Bailey (BALY). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Dorothy Bailey, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Evelyn Davis, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, James Huntington (Salt Lake City), Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Marjorie Roberts, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Saima Takkin (Florida), Helen Tripp, Martha Ann Weber. (Clear becoming cloudy with afternoon showers). 66½ miles, 7 hours. (35 species)
 - 12, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir (W/C). Leader: Charles Kangas. Observer: Larry Holland. 7 hours. (44 species)
 - 18, Saturday. Evergreen, Mount Evans Wilderness Area, Echo Lake (EVEL). Observers: Warren Finch, Robert Spencer. (Cloudy, misting, clearing; 60°-70°). 102 miles, 9 hours. (43 species)
 - 18, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
 - 19, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Tom and Paula Bartlett (Ohio), Dorothy Bailey, Joe Krieg. 4½ hours. (33 species)
 - 25, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch (KEN). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick. Observers: Christine Bonney, Dick and Milly Dawson, Maggie Denny, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Dick and Alice Liskow (Michigan), Mark Ludlow (Ken Caryl ecologist), Sadie Morrison, Sam Palmer, Nancy Pearson, Phyllis Qualy, Mary Jane Schock, Dr. Arnold Silverman, Stephanie Stowe, Joan Taylor, Don and Eva Turnquist, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Lynn Wilcockson. (Sunny; warm). 35 miles, 4½ hours. (39 species)
 - 26, Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Dorothy Bailey, Christine Bonney, Sophia Bogart, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Jeff and Sharon Cohen, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, James Huntington, Nora Johnson, Hazel Kellogg, Sue Merrick, Sadie Morrison, Roland and Donna Olderog, Ruth Reeser, Marjorie Roberts, Alva Schoss, Bob and Joan Taylor, Vito Tursi, Susie Weingarten. (Cloudy, clearing in afternoon; 54°-82°). 29½ miles, 6½ hours. (39 species)
 - 26, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Julesburg, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Jumbo Reservoir, Crook, Tamarack Ranch (NECO). Observers: Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; wind, E, 8-12 MPH; 62°-95°). 55 miles, 6½ hours. (85 species)

JUNE 26-28-30 Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday. Barr Lake State Park: a three day compilation of censusing the entire park-one day for waterbirds, the other two days for landbirds (BARR). Observer: Robert Andrews. (74 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting.

JUNE AREA HABITAT	4 SECO PLNS	4 JEFFCO PLN FTH	4 NCCO PLFT	5 BARR PLNS	11 BLY MTN	12 W/C PLN	18 EVEL MTNS	19 RRP FTH	25 KEN FTH	26 RMNP MTNS	26 NECO PLNS	3 days BARR PLNS
Horned Grebe												1
Pared Grebe	15		75	1							52	1
Western Grebe		5	7	9		20					29	22
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1	1							1	7
American White Pelican			23	33								95
Double-crested Cormorant			14	32							6	145
Great Blue Heron		2	5	10					1		23	85
Green Heron											1	
Snowy Egret			1									
Black-crowned Night Heron			2								2	1
American Bittern												2
Canada Goose		50	140	135		20					70	250
Mallard	5	6	102	28	2		3		11	1	12	220
Gadwall		2	4	4							8	31
Common Pintail	9		23	7							15	50
Green-winged Teal			2									6
Blue-winged Teal	7		19	2							34	48
Cinnamon Teal			4	2								6
American Wigeon		2	9								2	3
Northern Shoveler	9		43	2							38	35
Wood Duck												11
Redhead	30	2	30	4		15					1	7
Lesser Scaup			6									
Ruddy Duck			11	25								18
Turkey Vulture	11		26		1		1					
Northern Goshawk					1		2					
Cooper's Hawk						1						
Red-tailed Hawk			1			1				1	2	
Swainson's Hawk	3		2								2	3
Ferruginous Hawk	1										1	
Golden Eagle			1						1			
Northern Harrier				1								1 fe
Prairie Falcon	1		1					2	5			
American Kestrel	6		3	8	2	1		2	4		3	5
Common Bobwhite											8	
Scaled Quail	14											
Ring-necked Pheasant			1	1							3	1
Virginia Rail			2									1
Sora (158)			2									
American Coot	4	12	33	32		25					76	600
American Avocet	7		23								17	1
Killdeer	22	4	26	9		3			6		35	26
Long-billed Curlew	3											
Upland Sandpiper			1								8	
Greater Yellowlegs											5	
Lesser Yellowlegs											2	1
Solitary Sandpiper												2(30th)
Spotted Sandpiper			5	1	2						2	3
Wilson's Phalarope			13								1	6
Northern Phalarope			6									
Common Snipe												2
Baird's Sandpiper												2(30th)
Stilt Sandpiper			1									
RUFF/REEVE* (46)			1									
California Gull			1			1						33
Ring-billed Gull			126			17					13	3
Franklin's Gull											18	750
Forster's Tern			5								8	1
Common Tern											1	
Black Tern			135								21	
Band-tailed Pigeon					7		9					
Rock Dove	6	6	23	5				25	34		6	2

JUNE	4	4	4	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26	26	3 days
Mourning Dove	180	4		165	39	2	10		6	12		95	138
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							2					2	
Greater Roadrunner	1												
Common Screech Owl (Gray)												1	
Great Horned Owl													2
Burrowing Owl	9			1						2		1	
Common Nighthawk	10											2	
Chimney Swift												1	
White-throated Swift				3					16				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird				9		7	3	15			7		
Belted Kingfisher				1								4	1
Common Flicker													
"Yellow-shafted" race												14	
"Red-shafted" race			3	3	1	3	3	3	2	6	12		10
Hybrid									1				
Red-headed Woodpecker												7	1
Lewis' Woodpecker	6												
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker											4		
Williamson's Sapsucker						2					2		
Hairy Woodpecker				1				1					
eastern races												1	
Downy Woodpecker		3					1						2
eastern races												1	
No. Three-toed Woodpecker											2		
Eastern Kingbird	4			2	9		3					21	18
Western Kingbird	165	3		20	11							14	14
Cassin's Kingbird	11												
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (157)	1												
Great Crested Flycatcher (80)												1	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	2												
Eastern Phoebe	4												
Say's Phoebe	5		1	3					4	5			
Hammond's Flycatcher				3							2		
Western Flycatcher				1		1		3					
"Empidonax"						1		1					
Western Pewee		1	1	4	1		3	3		2	1		2
Horned Lark	200			53	15					31		26	
Violet-green Swallow			1	22		8		20	10		2		
Tree Swallow				1		2		1		3	21	2	8
Rough-winged Swallow				3			1					4	
Barn Swallow	65	6	2	85	12	3	15	6		12		89	16
Cliff Swallow	30		200	18				4	45	73		31	
Blue Jay		1										7	
Steller's Jay						1		7			2		
Scrub Jay			1	1					3	4			
Black-billed Magpie	12	24	6	26	20	6	4	4	10	3	3	3	65
Northern Raven						3		2			1		
White-necked Raven	3												
American Crow	5			8			2	1					
Clark's Nutcracker								9			7		
Black-capped Chickadee			1		4	2	6	2	5			3	12
Mountain Chickadee				2		1		4			2		
White-breasted Nuthatch								2					

JUNE	4	4	4	4	5	11	12	18	19	25	26	26	3 days
Red-eyed Vireo				3			2						
Warbling Vireo			4	7	3	1	2	4			3	2	1
Orange-crowned Warbler (152)			1				1						
Virginia's Warbler				2					2				
Yellow Warbler	2	4	3	24	3		8	2	2	5		11	7
Yellow-rumped Warbler						2		4			1		
"Audubon's" race													
Ovenbird				2									
Common Yellowthroat (145)		2	2	11	7		6			1		19	15
Yellow-breasted Chat			1	1			5		5			3	
Wilson's Warbler							3	2					
American Redstart							3						
House Sparrow	80	4		159	21					36		105	17
Bobolink												1 ma	
EASTERN MEADOWLARK												1	
Western Meadowlark	100	14	2	75	23		12		6	21		115	15
Yellow-headed Blackbird	6	12		68	25							125	210
Red-winged Blackbird	20	26		60	15	11	13	4		26	6	190	92
Orchard Oriole												19	7
Northern Oriole													
"Baltimore" race												4	
"Bullock's" race	4		8	4	34		3		10	1		1	88
Brewer's Blackbird			6	33				6	1	31	3		
Common Grackle	115	10		53	20	2	2	5		18		111	71
Brown-headed Cowbird			3	23	1			4	9	3	2	76	9
Western Tanager											1		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak													1 ma
Black-headed Grosbeak			1	4					6	1	2		
Blue Grosbeak							1						5
Indigo Bunting							3		1				2
Lazuli Bunting	1		6	14			7		1	8			4
Dickcissel	1												
Evening Grosbeak								8			1		
House Finch	6	1		13					2	10			3
Pine Siskin			1	6		12		8			6		
American Goldfinch				11	2		15		2			4	
Lesser Goldfinch (144)			4	11			4		3	4			
Green-tailed Towhee			1								2		
Rufous-sided Towhee							3		16	15			
"Spotted" race			3	28									
eastern races												1 ma	
Brown Towhee	1												
Lark Bunting	90											5	
Savannah Sparrow				2								2	
Grasshopper Sparrow												2	
Vesper Sparrow	4			7			2			9			
Lark Sparrow	32			9	1							2	
Cassin's Sparrow	7											1	
Gray-headed Junco						1		4			4		
Chipping Sparrow				9		4					1		
Brewer's Sparrow													1
White-crowned Sparrow								3			1		
Lincoln's Sparrow								1			1		
Song Sparrow		2	2	3		2	2	1	1	1	1		3
TOTAL SPECIES-181	58	31	30	104	47	35	44	43	33	39	39	85	74

* Pending review by the CFO Official Records Committee

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1977 REPORTS

Horned Grebe One in breeding plumage, apparently "summering" at Barr Lake; first seen on 6-19 (RA).

Green Heron 6-1 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Snowy Egret 6-2 (3 nests) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Black-crowned Night Heron As of 6-26, all the birds had left the rookery at Barr Lake SP (RA).

White-faced Ibis 6-11 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld County (JR).

Wood Duck 6-1 (1 male), 6-4 (1 pair), 6-7 (1 pair), 6-19 (8); 12 young introduced on 6-25, Barr Lake SP (RA).

White-tailed Ptarmigan 6-11 (4 males) Rocky Mountain National Park (JR, RR and others).

Wild Turkey 6-11 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County (LL, WL).

Sandhill Crane 6-4 (2) Sloan's Lake, Denver (PE); 6-4 (8) over Lakewood (reported by PE).

Marbled Godwit 6-26 (4) farm ponds about 1½ miles northeast of Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JR); 6-28 (25) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County (CK).

Lesser Yellowlegs 6-11 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld County (JR).

Long-billed Dowitcher 6-25 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (AW).

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RUFF/REEVE* 5-30 through 6-4 (most probably a Ruff due to size and coloration, but this species displays great variability in plumage in both sexes) small farm ponds about 1½ miles northeast of Prospect Reservoir, Weld County. (Seen by many observers).
REEVE* 5-31 on small farm ponds about 1½ miles northeast of Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (MOS).

Franklin's Gull 6-16 (6), 6-19 (60), 6-21 (400+) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Black Tern 6-7 (14) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6-2 (1), 6-14 (1), 6-15 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Chimney Swift 6-4 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Black Swift 6-28 and 6-29 (2) Grace Falls, Rocky Mountain National Park (JH).

Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 6-26 "Found a nesting pair of Northern Three-toed Woodpeckers in an Aspen tree just west of the bridge over the Roaring River on the way to Endovalley Picnic Ground" (WR). Apparently these birds have been in the area most of the month as they were reported to the Editor as early as 6-10 by several observers.

157 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 6-20 (1) Barr Lake SP. "... unfortunately I did not see this bird. It was reported to me by Larry Stebbins (a school teacher working at Barr this summer). His description was sufficient for this distinctive bird. I searched for it the next day (as soon as I heard about it) but I did not find it" (RA).

Dusky Flycatcher 6-11 (3) entrance to Endovalley Picnic Ground, Rocky Mountain National Park (JR).

Canyon Wren 6-19 (one nest with four eggs) Red Rocks Park (DT).

Swainson's Thrush 6-12 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Water Pipit 6-11 (15) Rocky Mountain National Park (JR).

Cedar Waxwing 6-2 (2) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Bell's Vireo 6-26 (one nest with one egg) along South Platte River, Crook (AW).

Tennessee Warbler 6-12 (1 male) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Northern Parula Warbler 6-12 (1 male) Barr Lake SP (RA); 6-14 (1 singing male) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County (PE, HK).

106 Black-throated Blue Warbler 6-2 (1 male) Barr Lake SP (RA).

MacGillivray's Warbler 6-11 (1 pair) along road to Endovalley Picnic Ground, Rocky Mountain National Park (JR).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6-12 (1 female) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Indigo Bunting 6-24 on (1 male) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Cassin's Finch 6-11 (1 male) Rocky Mountain National Park (JR).

Brown-capped Rosy Finch 6-11 (4) Rocky Mountain National Park (JR).

Grasshopper Sparrow 6-18 (2) Barr Lake SP (RA).

Brewer's Sparrow 6-10 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA).

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), James Huntington (JH), Charles Kangas (CK), Hugh Kingery (HK), Linda Lybarger (LL), William Lybarger (WL), Jack Reddall (JR), Warner Reeser (WR), Ron Ryder (RR), Mildred Snyder (MOS), Don Thatcher (DT), Andy Wilbur (AW).

CONTRIBUTORS TO ADDITIONAL REPORTS PLEASE NOTE: The Editor welcomes individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports deemed as unusual and/or as augmenting the reports furnished by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' field trips. Individual reports must include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen (sex or plumage if possible) and specific location in order to be considered for inclusion in the Lark Bunting.

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SPECIAL THANKS to Kathryn Whipple for preparing and publishing the latest up-to-date membership list and for serving so superbly as our Treasurer during the past four years.

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NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! The nesting season is in full swing. Call Nancy Hurley (757-0837) for Cornell University Nesting Cards and information.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested costs are 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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All records reported in the Lark Bunting (Volume 11, Number 5 through Volume 12, Number 4) during 1976 which the Official Records Committee attempted to review with written/photographic documentation have been accepted with the following exceptions:

OSPREY (11-76-14) Volume 11, Number 5: Not accepted
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER (19-76-60) Volume 11, Number 9: No response from observer
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (54-76-61) Volume 11, Number 9: No response from observer
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK (10-76-74) Volume 12, Number 1: Not accepted
PARASITIC JAEGER (22-76-96) Volume 12, Number 1: Accepted as "Jaeger" species
EASTERN MEADOWLARK (54-76-99) Volume 12, Number 1: No response from observer
HARLEQUIN DUCK (8-76-108) Volume 12, Number 2: Still under consideration
PURPLE FINCH (56-76-122) Volume 12, Number 3: No response from observer
PARASITIC JAEGER (22-76-117) Volume 12, Number 3: Accepted as "Jaeger" species
PARASITIC JAEGER (22-76-123) Volume 12, Number 4: Accepted as "Jaeger" species

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CFO Official Records Committee

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1977

- AUGUST 6, Saturday. Tarryall Recreation Area. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest of May Company) at 7:30 A.M. *
- 7, Sunday. Loveland Pass area. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at El Rancho parking lot on I-70 at 8:00 A.M. *
- > 13, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 20, Saturday. Upper Bear Creek. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *
- 21, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at Cross Roads Shopping Center (King Soopers) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 27, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest of May Company) at 7:30 A.M. *
- 28, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Sophia Bogart (364-5294). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *

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Ray Olson, Field Trip Chairman (424-6823)

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or a list in AOU CHECK-LIST order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308.
2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips and other observations.
3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

JULY 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- JULY 2, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Latham Reservoir, Briggsdale, Pawnee National Grassland, Prospect Reservoir (NCCO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Mary Lou Hewitt, Jim Huntington, Jim Lane. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 12-18 MPH; 70°-97°). 244 miles, 12 hours. (81 species)
- 3, Sunday. Summit County: Silverthorne, Lake Dillon, Loveland Pass (SUM). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Bill and Jewell Henrichs, Fran Hooker, Dieter Kamm, Anne, Elinor and Urling Kingery, Sue Merrick, Sam Palmer, Phyllis Qualy, Marjorie Roberts, Joan and Bob Taylor, Geoffrey Trollope (Johannesburg, South Africa). (33 species)
- 9, South Park (SPK). Leaders: Carol Hack and Cathy Hawkins. Observers: Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Fern Hack, Dinorah and Joe Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Ray Olson, Sam Palmer, Phyllis Qualy, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Alternately clear and rainy; 50°-60°). 25 miles, 7 hours. (44 species)
- 10, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Ruth Hopfenbeck, Lorna Beilke. (Fair; hot). 4 hours. (27 species)
- 16, Saturday. Mount Evans area: (FT) Filius Park, (MT) Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake, Summit Lake (MTEVN). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Dorothy Bailey, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Sue Levin, Sadie Morrison, Paul and Phyllis Nimmons and Cynthia (Houston, Texas), Lib Ranniger, Dick and Janet Sherwood, Edie Trimmer, Phoebe Trimmer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Brett Willcockson, Liz Willcockson. (Clear to partly cloudy; light wind; 60°-80°). 62 miles, 7½ hours. (36 species)
- 17, Sunday. Muir Springs and Prewitt Reservoir (MSP). Leader: Sophia Bogart. Observers: Christine Bonney, Mark Holmgren, Brian Mann, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Janet and Dick Sherwood, Alan Shlosberg (New York City). (Clear; 90°). 257 miles, 6½ hours. (44 species)
- 23, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon, Arsenal, Mile High Lakes, Prospect and Latham Reservoirs, Barr Lake State Park, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOLO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy, thunderstorms; wind, variable 1-3 becoming SW, 25-35 MPH in thunderstorms; 55°-93°-75°). 229 miles, 12 hours. (105 species)
- 23, Saturday. Eldora and Pinecliffe (ELD). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Christine Bonney, Jane Cecil, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Maggie Denny, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Ray Olson, Arlene Parker, Sidney Posel (New Jersey), Gail Shickley, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp. (Fair in morning becoming cloudy with rain in afternoon). 6½ hours. (40 species)
- 24, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Mark Holmgren, Harold and LaVona Holt, Jim Lane, Brian Mann, JoAnn Pettinicchio, Ken and Marlene Rosen. (Partly cloudy, humid; wind, light and variable; 70°-85°). 42 miles, 8 hours. (75 species)
- 26-27, Tuesday, Wednesday. Barr Lake State Park: two day census covering land area on one day, water area next (BARR). Observers: Robert Andrews, Mathew Moses. (82 species)
- 30, Saturday. Douglas County: Parker, Castlewood Canyon, Jackson Creek (DOUGL). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Joe Hines, James Huntington, Dick and Janet Sherwood. (Mostly clear; wind, calm; 82°). 122 miles, 9 hours. (54 species)
- 31, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leaders: Kathryn and Kenneth Whipple. Observers: Dieter Kamm, James Huntington, Bryan Mann, JoAnn Pettinicchio. (Clear; 65°-77°). 4½ hours. (34 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting.

JULY AREA HABITAT	2 NCCO PLNS	3 SUM MTN	9 SPK MTN	10 RRP ETH	16 MTEVN ET MT	17 MSP PLN	23 NCCO PLN	23 ELD MTN	24 BLDR PLT	26-27 BARR PLNS	30 DONGL ET PL	31 CCR PLN
Horned Grebe										1		
Eared Grebe	5						3			28		
Western Grebe	26						50		30	35		
Pied-billed Grebe						1	7		10	10		
American White Pelican	38					4	76			275		
Double-crested Cormorant	4						82			36		
Great Blue Heron	2					100	63		4	25	4	14
Great Egret						1						
Snowy Egret							1			1		
Black-crowned Night Heron									1	10		
Yellow-crowned Night Heron										1 ad		
Canada Goose	16					5	275		30	70	5	
Mallard	8					3	12	3	15	130	2	4
Common Pintail	23						14			30		
Gadwall										11		
Green-winged Teal	1 ma						1			30		
Blue-winged Teal	101						1		25	21		
Cinnamon Teal	1 ma					4	1					
American Wigeon	1 ma						1					2
Northern Shoveler	33											
Wood Duck										6		
Redhead									8	9		
Ruddy Duck							1		6	10		
Duck (sp.-?)										30		
Hooded Merganser	2 im											
Turkey Vulture					1	27	1				6	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1						1
Red-tailed Hawk		3				1	1			1	2	
"Kridler's" race	1											
Swainson's Hawk	3					1	5			3	2	
Ferruginous Hawk							1					
Golden Eagle									2 im			
Northern Harrier	1 fe		1								1	1
Prairie Falcon				2							1	
American Kestrel	13	3	1			1	5		5	12	1	1
Common Bobwhite						3						
Ring-necked Pheasant							2			6		2
Virginia Rail	3						1			1		4
Sora							2					1
American Coot	1						205	2	25	235		
Black-necked Stilt									1			
American Avocet	34						11		4	80		
Semipalmated Plover										2		
Killdeer	76	2	2			5	79	1	60	35	2	2
Mountain Plover	7											
Marbled Godwit	3											
Long-billed Curlew											2	
Greater Yellowlegs	8						1					
Lesser Yellowlegs	2					1	29		20	67		
Solitary Sandpiper										2		
Willet							4					
Spotted Sandpiper	1	3				1	1	3	8	10		1
Wilson's Phalarope	45								3	26		
Common Snipe			1						2			
Long-billed Dowitcher							10		5	26		
Sanderling										2		
Semipalmated Sandpiper						5				1		
Western Sandpiper										2		
Western/Semipalmated Sandp.										28		
Least Sandpiper							4			2		
Baird's Sandpiper	6					9	103		10	520		
Stilt Sandpiper										2		
California Gull	1						16		1	44		
Ring-billed Gull	5					50	28		30	14	1	20

JULY AREA HABITAT	2 NCCO PLNS	3 SUM MTN	9 SPK MTN	10 RRP PTH	16 MTEVN FT MT	17 MSP PLN	23 NCCOLO FT PLN	23 ELD MTN	24 BLDR PLFT	26-27 BARR PLNS	30 DOUGL FT PL	31 CCR PLN
Franklin's Gull	11					101	290		100	1100		
Forster's Tern										1		
<u>LITTLE TERN*</u>						1						
Black Tern						6	2		25	7		
Band-tailed Pigeon					1				40			
Rock Dove	17			20		6	22		15			
Mourning Dove	195	2	3	8		6	2 147	1	20	68	12	6
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						2				1		
Great Horned Owl	3									2		
Burrowing Owl	18						2		1			3
Common Nighthawk	2					1						
Chimney Swift	3											
White-throated Swift				8			3		4		1	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		8	5		4	7	10	7	7	2	3	1
Rufous Hummingbird			2		2			5	2			
Belted Kingfisher						2		1	2		1	
Common Flicker		3				2			2			
"Red-shafted" race	2		2	3	3		6	1	5	19	1	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	2					3	2			2		3
Lewis' Woodpecker									2		2	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1	9									
Williamson's Sapsucker			2					1 1 fo				
Hairy Woodpecker					2	1		2				
Downy Woodpecker				1				1	2	6		
eastern races	1						2					
No. Three-toed Woodpecker			3									
Eastern Kingbird	7					2	3		4	40	6	
Western Kingbird	26					2	5 74		8	11	1	1
Say's Phoebe	3			1			3					
Hammond's Flycatcher							3					
Dusky Flycatcher			3					1				
Western Flycatcher				1			2					
"Empidonax"										1	2	
Western Pewee		1	2			11			10	1	2	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher			2					1				
Horned Lark	311		2				28			1	3	6
Violet-green Swallow			2	6			32	5	2			
Tree Swallow		8	45			3		7			6	
Bank Swallow							400					
Rough-winged Swallow	6						3				9	2
Barn Swallow	53					4	3 109	4	30	23	11	8
Cliff Swallow	13	15	35	2			26		200			
Gray Jay		4	1									
Blue Jay	1				4	5						
Steller's Jay		1			1		2	2	5		1	
Scrub Jay				7			5				4	
Black-billed Magpie	9	5	1	6	1	9	5 14		8	52	8	2
Northern Raven			1				4		1			
American Crow		1			4		7					
Clark's Nutcracker					3			3				
Black-capped Chickadee	4		4	5	2	1	2	1	3	14	6	
Mountain Chickadee		1			1		3		5			
White-breasted Nuthatch					2		3		1		1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2		1	2				
Pygmy Nuthatch					2		2		4			
Brown Creeper				1								
House Wren	3	2	4	2		2	9	4	4	36	2	1
Marsh Wren	6											
Canyon Wren				1			3					
Rock Wren							1					
Northern Mockingbird	1											
Gray Catbird				2			2					
Brown Thrasher	2					3						
Sage Thrasher							1					
American Robin	5	8	12	5	2	2	2	5	11	7	8	2
Hermit Thrush			1		2						2	8
Swainson's Thrush												
Western Bluebird					5		1	1				
Mountain Bluebird			11		2		11	5			4	
Townsend's Solitaire			1		1			3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			8			1			1			
Water Pipit		4				6						
Loggerhead Shrike	5											
European Starling	180						550		300	24	22	2

JULY	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	23	24	26-27	30	31			
AREA	NCCO	SUM	SPK	RRP	MTEVN	MSP	NCCOLO	ELD	BLDR	BARR	DOUGL	CCR			
HABITAT	PLNS	MTH	MTH	ETH	FT	MT	PLN	FT	PLN	MTH	PLFT	PLNS	FT	PL	PLN
Solitary Vireo															
"Plumbeous" race							2								
Red-eyed Vireo							13								
Warbling Vireo		1	3						2	5					
Virginia's Warbler				2				1	4						
Yellow Warbler	1 ma	4	3	4			6	1		8		2			
Yellow-rumped Warbler															
"Audubon's" race		3	3		7	1		4							
MacGillivray's Warbler								1							
Common Yellowthroat	9						2	2	9		5	11			6
Yellow-breasted Chat				5						2					
Wilson's Warbler		4	4			3									
House Sparrow	140						4	335		25	35	2	3		
Western Meadowlark	182		2	3			2	10	37	20	6	3	4		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	286								8	80	1				
Red-winged Blackbird	149	10	6					6	120	10	55	6	15		
Orchard Oriole	6						2								
Northern Oriole															
"Bullock's" race	6			4			5	30			64	1	2		
Brewer's Blackbird	1 fe	6	8					7				1			
Common Grackle	29						2	3		50	8	3			
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	3	4	8			23					1			
Western Tanager					1		4		1	3	1 ma				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak												1			
Black-headed Grosbeak				4						2	2	3	2		
Blue Grosbeak	1 ma								1 ma		4				
Indigo Bunting											1				
Lazuli Bunting	1 ma							1	2		5				
Cassin's Finch			3		3					2					
House Finch	3			1				8	1	10	2	4	8		
Pine Grosbeak			2			2									
Brown-capped Rosy Finch						7									
Pine Siskin		5	18		4	6		18		7	2	4			
American Goldfinch	2						2	6	2		1	3	3	8	
Lesser Goldfinch				6				30			3	7	5		
Red Crossbill					1					1					
Green-tailed Towhee										1					
Rufous-sided Towhee				10							9	10			
"Spotted" race							32	1							
Lark Bunting	138							94		1 ma	11				
Savannah Sparrow	2	5	25					1							
Vesper Sparrow			2					13							
Lark Sparrow	13						6	3	6		6	23	4		
Cassin's Sparrow	1														
Gray-headed Junco		2	14		1	1		5		4					
Chipping Sparrow		1			15		2	68	61	1	20	84	4	1	
Brewer's Sparrow	47	1	1									1			
White-crowned Sparrow		4	14			8									
Lincoln's Sparrow		5				7									
Song Sparrow	2							2	10	4			2	4	
McCown's Longspur	13														
Chestnut-collared Longspur	3														
TOTAL SPECIES-180	81	33	44	27	36	44	105	40	75	82	54	34			

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ADDITIONAL JULY 1977 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe One all month, Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Green Heron 7-30 (1) Rocky Ford (DG, JR)
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron 7-23 (2 adults) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 White-faced Ibis 7-30 (4) Dye Reservoir, Rocky Ford (DG, JR)
 Wood Duck "Several" all month (maximum 13 on 7-16) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Common Goldeneye 7-30 (1 moulting female) Cheraw (CG, DG, JR)
 Turkey Vulture 7-8 (1), 7-21 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Black-necked Stilt None observed at usual haunts (Cheraw, Dye Reservoir, Ordway) on 7-30 (CG, DG, JR)
 Semipalmated Plover 7-16 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Snowy Plover 7-21 (1) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder (BK); 7-30 (8) Cheraw (CG, DG, JR)
 Marbled Godwit 7-9 (1), 7-13 (7), 7-15 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Long-billed Curlew 7-21 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
 Willet 7-9 (3), 7-13 thru 7-16 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)

Long-billed Dowitcher 7-16 (7) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Red Knot 7-30 (1 in breeding plumage) Cheraw (CG, DG, JR)
Semipalmated/Western Sandpiper 7-13 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Least Sandpiper 7-9 (5) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Stilt Sandpiper 7-21 (2) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Forster's Tern 7-15 (2), 7-16 (4) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Black Tern 7-9 (2) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Common Screech Owl "Several" all month, Barr Lake SP (RA)
Short-eared Owl "One picked up dead" (7-4) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RA); 7-22 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Black-chinned Hummingbird 7-30 (1) Ordway (CG, DG, JR)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 7-18 (1 male) Cherry Creek Village (JR); 7-20 (2 females or immatures) Barr Lake SP (RA); 7-22 (1 male) Barr Lake SP (RA); 7-22 (1 female or immature) Cherry Creek Village (JR)
Calliope Hummingbird 7-23 (1 male) Hack Ranch, Jefferson, South Park (CH)
Red-headed Woodpecker 7-22 (1) Waterton (MJS)
Cassin's Kingbird 7-30 (2) Pueblo (DG, JR)
Willow Flycatcher 7-30 (1) Rocky Ford (DG, JR)
Olive-sided Flycatcher 7-31 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Northern Mockingbird 7-21 and 7-22 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Brown Thrasher 7-10 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Sage Thrasher 7-10 (2) Pawnee National Grasslands (HH); 7-16 (1) Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (JR); 7-23 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA); 7-30 (1) Ordway (CG, DG, JR)
Tennessee Warbler 7-9 (1 "singing male") Barr Lake SP (RA)
Orchard Oriole 2 thru 7-13 Barr Lake SP (RA)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-3 (1 male) Hack Ranch, Jefferson, South Park (CH); 7-17 thru 7-22 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Indigo Bunting One all month, Barr Lake SP (RA)
Dickcissel 7-2 (11) Sedgwick County (BK, SL)
Red Crossbill 7-15 (1 immature) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Chipping Sparrow 7-8 (1, "and many since") Barr Lake SP (RA); 7-10 (4) Barr Lake SP (HH)
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- SEPTEMBER
- 3, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at west gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 7:30 A.M. Lunch is optional.
- 4, Sunday. Guanella Pass area. Leader: Ray Olson. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *
- 10, Saturday. FALL COUNT SURVEY: call following leaders if interested:
Barr Lake State Park - Robert Andrews (756-5553)
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- Christine Bonney (388-8524)
Horse Creek Reservoir - Joe Roller (935-7149 or 573-9951 off.)
Prospect Reservoir - Paul Julian (499-9107)
Vaille and Mile High Duck Club closed due to teal hunting.
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
- 17, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. * (494-8390)
- 18, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp. Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Sooper), Boulder at 8:00 A.M. *
- 24, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 25, Sunday. North Turkey Creek and Mount Falcon Park. Leader: Chuck Kangas (322-9929). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *

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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Send the summary of your Field Trips, using the Denver Field Ornithologists Area CHECK-LIST, other appropriate Check-List or a list in AOU Check-List order, as soon as possible after each field trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308.
2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the summary of Field Trips and other observations.
3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

PROGRAM: "Slides and Discussion of White Pelicans at Riverside Reservoir" with Dr. Bert Thomas, Chairman of Department of Biology, University of Northern Colorado.

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AUGUST 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- AUGUST**
- 6, Saturday. Jefferson and Tarryall Reservoir (SOPK). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Helen Tripp. (Clear to partly cloudy; 70°-80°). 161 miles, 5½ hours. (32 species)
- 7, Sunday. Evergreen to Loveland Pass (EVER). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Sylvia B. Brockner, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, T. Dudley Davis (Philadelphia), Ruth Osgood, Marjorie Roberts, Janet and Dick Sherwood. (Clear; 48°-83°). (25 species)
- 13, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Lori Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Cecily Mellor, Ray Olson, Floyd Pendell, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; hot). (59 species)
- 14, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRPK). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observer: Ann Ayres. (Fair; warm). 4 hours. (33 species)
- 20, Saturday. Kendrick Reservoir, along Bear Creek to Evergreen, Brook Forest and to entrance gate of Elk Refuge Area on Upper Bear Creek (JEFCO). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Josephine Butler, Hazel Kellogg, Helen Plattner, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; slight breeze). 98½ miles, 7½ hours. (28 species)
- 20, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon, Arsenal, Mile High Duck Club, Ireland, Prospect, Latham and Union Reservoirs (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, variable 1-3 MPH; 62°-90°). 239 miles, 11½ hours. (102 species)
- 21, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Aderhold, Lori Chappell, Jeff and Sharon Cohen, John and Joyce Cooper, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, James Huntington, Ray Olson, Jim Owen. (Mostly sunny; Wind, light; afternoon shower; 65°-80°). 35 miles, 6 hours. (56 species)
- 21-22, Sunday-Monday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Observers: Bob Andrews, Matt Moses. Two day census covering water areas on one day and land areas on second day. (Sunny; Wind, calm; mid 80°s). 8½ hours both days. (97 species)
- 27, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir (W/CR). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. Area covered by

2 following observers: Jan and Frank Justice (Chatfield), Jack Reddall and Mary Jane Schock (Waterton). (Moderate rain becoming clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NE 4-7 MPH; 54°-73°). (73 species)

28, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Sophia Bogart. NO REPORT RECEIVED.

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting.

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	6 SOPK MTNS	7 EVER MTNS	13 BARR PLNS	14 RRPK FOOT	20 JEFCO PL	20 NCCO MT	21 BLDR FTPL	21-22 BARR PLAIN	27 W/CR PLNS
Eared Grebe							6	2	8
Western Grebe			22				625	1500	50
Pied-billed Grebe			1				3	2	8
American White Pelican			50						5
Double-crested Cormorant			4				20	1	5
Great Blue Heron			2				20	15	19
Snowy Egret			3				3	3	5
Black-crowned Night Heron			2						4
Yellow-crowned Night Heron									1
White-faced Ibis									7
Canada Goose							50	23	11
Mallard	42		6		8		3550	140	3
Gadwall							2		2
Common Pintail			2				2		75
Green-winged Teal			6				2	5	100
Blue-winged Teal							13	50	45
Cinnamon Teal							3		
American Wigeon							3	4	9
Northern Shoveler							30		240
Wood Duck									2
Redhead			4				3		3
Canvasback			1					2	45
Ruddy Duck							16	15	8
Turkey Vulture		1					14		
Sharp-shinned Hawk							2	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	3					2			2
"Western" race							1		
Swainson's Hawk			4				8		6
Ferruginous Hawk			1						
Northern Harrier							1		
American Kestrel	1		2		3		8	20	19
Blue Grouse		7							16
Chukar								1-?	
Virginia Rail							1		1
Sora							5		1
American Coot			200		40		2100	200	70
Black-necked Stilt							2		500
American Avocet			1				73	15	5
Semipalmated Plover			5						2
Killdeer	2		30		2		146	150	180
Piping Plover			4						
Black-bellied Plover			4						
Marbled Godwit			1				1		1
Greater Yellowlegs			4				2		
Lesser Yellowlegs			3				32		85
Solitary Sandpiper							9		2
Willet							2		
Spotted Sandpiper							2	25	10
Wilson's Phalarope	3		6				37		5
Common Snipe							1		
Long-billed Dowitcher			3						35
Sanderling			5				1		2
Semipalmated Sandpiper			2						1
Western Sandpiper									2
Western/Semipalmated Sandp.									65
Least Sandpiper			4				8	30	150
Baird's Sandpiper			30				3	8	550

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	6 SOPK MTNS	7 EVER MTNS	13 BARR PLNS	14 RRPK FOOT	20 JEFCO PL MT	20 NCCO FTPL	21 BLDR FTPL	21-22 BARR PLAIN	27 W/CR PLNS
Pectoral Sandpiper			1					8	2
Stilt Sandpiper								135	
California Gull			34			15		60	
Ring-billed Gull	8		3			66	200	75	102
Franklin's Gull			12			338	1500	125	
Bonaparte's Gull						1			
Forster's Tern						1			
Forster's/Common Tern								1	
Black Tern			3			58	50	1	
Band-tailed Pigeon					4		15		
Rock Dove				35		78	50	2	3
Mourning Dove	1		20	2	3	152	10	100	11
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									1
Great Horned Owl								3	
Burrowing Owl						2			
Common Nighthawk	1					5			
White-throated Swift						2			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	8	4		1	3	15	25		2
Rufous Hummingbird		2					2		
Belted Kingfisher	1								6
Common Flicker							15		5
"Red-shafted" race	2	1	2	2	2	7		17	
Red-headed Woodpecker							4	4	1
Lewis' Woodpecker						2	6		
Williamson's Sapsucker	1								
Hairy Woodpecker		1							
Downy Woodpecker			1	1				12	1
Eastern Kingbird			14		1	10		17	2
Western Kingbird			28		4	48	4	10	5
Cassin's Kingbird				1					
Ash-throated Flycatcher								1	
Say's Phoebe						2		2	
"Empidonax"				1			1	1	
Western Pewee		2	1	2		4		3	5
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1		1		1			4	
Horned Lark						1		1	2
Violet-green Swallow	1								33
Tree Swallow	6							2	
Bank Swallow			1			5			
Rough-winged Swallow						2			5
Barn Swallow	1		8	2	1	151	150	33	19
Cliff Swallow	2		1	2		10	100		
Gray Jay		2							
Blue Jay								2	
Steller's Jay	2	4			15	3	30		
Scrub Jay				4		5			3
Black-billed Magpie	7		10	10	3	14	112	15	30
Northern Raven	2	1		1		1			11
American Crow	11				4	13	1		
Clark's Nutcracker		10							
Black-capped Chickadee			1	5	2	7	1	20	16
Mountain Chickadee	3	4			12	8			
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				5			
Pygmy Nuthatch						14			
House Wren	1	1		1		5	1	20	5
Canyon Wren				3		3	4		
Rock Wren								1	
Gray Catbird				2		2			4
Sage Thrasher								2	
American Robin	8	5		20	1	35	25	1	10
Western Bluebird						1			
Mountain Bluebird	22	4				3			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						2			1
Water Pipit		6							
Loggerhead Shrike			3			8		1	
European Starling	1		40	1	2	168	200	175	13
Solitary Vireo									
"Plumbeous" race						3			2
Red-eyed Vireo								2	1
Warbling Vireo								2	
Black-and-White Warbler								2	
Orange-crowned Warbler								1	

AUGUST	6	7	13	14	20	20	21	21-22	27	
AREA	SOPK	EVER	BARR	RRPK	JEFCO	NCCO	BLDR	BARR	W/CR	
HABITAT	MTNS	MTNS	PLNS	FOOT	PL	MT	FTPL	FTPL	PLAIN	PLNS
Virginia's Warbler				8			2	3	3	14
Yellow Warbler			2	1	1			2	4	
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race		1								
Black-throated Green Warbler									1	
"Dendroica"-sp.									1	
Ovenbird										2
MacGillivray's Warbler									5	
Common Yellowthroat							13	3	5	
Yellow-breasted Chat				1						
Wilson's Warbler		4							9	1
American Redstart										1
House Sparrow	6		50				241	20	40	
Western Meadowlark			3	2	1		5	5	7	17
Yellow-headed Blackbird									100	
Red-winged Blackbird	4		20				6	15	4	
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race			6				1		3	2
Brewer's Blackbird	10						26			
Common Grackle							2			
Brown-headed Cowbird							2			
Western Tanager				2			6	2		5
Summer Tanager										1 ma
Black-headed Grosbeak		5		2	1			2	1	4
Indigo Bunting									1	
Lazuli Bunting							1		1	4
Evening Grosbeak		4								
House Finch			15	4	2		40	10		
Pine Siskin	14	27		4			47			25
American Goldfinch			5				4		4	8
Lesser Goldfinch				2	12		35	5		25
Green-tailed Towhee				1	1					1
Rufous-sided Towhee				20	1				1	5
"Spotted" race							16			
Lark Bunting			150				40			
Savannah Sparrow										6
Vesper Sparrow	1						30	1	2	
Lark Sparrow			25	4			50		19	2
Gray-headed Junco		4								
Chipping Sparrow			5	20			20	10	45	15
Clay-colored Sparrow									3	1
Brewer's Sparrow				1			1		2	
White-crowned Sparrow	1	20								
Lincoln's Sparrow		2								
Song Sparrow					1	1				2
TOTAL SPECIES-165	32	25	59	33	28	102	56	97	73	

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1977 REPORTS (*Pending acceptance by CFO Official Records Committee):

Great Egret 8-4 (2) Barr Lake SP (RA); 8-6 (1) Union Reservoir (PM)
Wood Duck 8-4 (7), 8-11 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Swainson's Hawk 8-27 (38) in field just east of Tower Road, Adams County (RA);
8-28 (75) same location as on 8-27 (LW)
Eagle sp. 8-4 (1) Barr Lake SP. "Seen sitting on shore too far to see any plumage
details. Probably Golden but acting more like a Bald." (RA)
Northern Harrier 8-7 (4 immatures) Mt. Bierstadt. "Seen at 11,000 feet, sparring
with each other, catching mice." (PE)
Blue Grouse 8-27 (1) Hart Lake, Gilpin County (BB)
Black-necked Stilt "Pair seen several times during August by several observers; and
three (including one juvenile) on 8-27, Park Lake, Boulder County." (BK, SL)
Semipalmated Plover 8-27 (3) Union Reservoir (BK, SL)
Piping Plover 8-11 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Black-bellied Plover 8-11 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Upland Sandpiper 8-11 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA); 8-14 (1) along Tower Road, Adams County
(BK); 8-16 (1) along Tower Road, Adams County (RA)
Ruddy Turnstone 8-11 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Red Knot 8-13 (1) Union Reservoir (SL); 8-14 (1) Union Reservoir (RA)
PARASITIC JAEGER* 8-3 (1 dark phase adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TM); 8-13 and 8-14
(1 intermediate phase adult) Union Reservoir (RA, MM, PM, SL)
Franklin's Gull 8-29 and 8-30 (1 albinistic) Union Reservoir (RB, RA). "This bird
was first reported as possible Ivory Gull." (BK)
Gull sp. 8-13 through 8-18 (1 immature). "Originally felt to be a Black-headed Gull;
now believed to be an immature Bonaparte's Gull based on the inner web of the prim-
aries, which evidently furnishes the only diagnostic difference between juvenile

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plumages of these two species." (RA)
Common Tern 8-28 (12) Union Reservoir (PM)
Mourning Dove 8-24 (1) above timberline on Fall River Road, Rocky Mountain National
Park (RA)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 8-3 (1), 8-13 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Barn Owl 8-16 (2) near Rocky Mountain Arsenal (PE, RO)
Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 8-5 (1 female) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Olive-sided Flycatcher 8-3 (1) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Northern Mockingbird 8-18 (1) Boulder (BK)
Black-and-White Warbler 8-31 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
Hooded Warbler 8-22 (1) behind Ball Bros., Boulder (SL)
American Redstart 8-30 (1 female) Wheatridge (PE)
Northern Oriole ("Baltimore" race) 8-18 (1 female or immature) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Western Tanager 8-5 (1 male), 8-10 (1 female) Barr Lake SP (RA)
Summer Tanager 8-22 (1) Boulder (SL)
Pine Grosbeak 8-28 (2 immatures) Lake Isabelle, Boulder County (BK)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 8-28 (60) Pawnee Pass, Boulder County (BK)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Robby Bacon (RB), Bruce Bosley (BB), Patty
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OCTOBER

- 1, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leader: Ward Chadwick (321-1212). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. or at Ken Caryl Information Center at 8:30 A.M. Lunch optional.
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. and meet leader at west entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:00 A.M. Lunch optional.
- 8, Saturday. Dillon/Gore area. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Carpool at the northeast parking area at the geological cut along I-70 at 7:15 A.M. and meet leader at Old Dillon Inn, Silverthorne at 8:30 A.M. *
- 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 15, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 16, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers) at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 22, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 23, No Trip Scheduled.
- 29, Saturday. Greenbelt and local ponds. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 30, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 8:00 A.M. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

OCTOBER MEETING: OCTOBER 25, 1977

PROGRAM: "Wildlife Slides" with Dave Markley, Environmental Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Energy Corporation; formerly with EPA.

SEPTEMBER 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- SEPTEMBER 3, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple. NO REPORT RECEIVED (possibly lost in mail).
- 4, Sunday. Guanella Pass (GUN). Leader: Ray Olson. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Aderhold, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cohen, Joe and Karen Krieg, Bryan Mann, Jo Ann Pettinicchio, Marjorie Roberts, Helen Tripp. (Partly cloudy, light rain; warm). 4 miles, 5½ hours. (13 species)
- 4, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Union, Latham, Jackson and Prospect Reservoirs, Muir Springs Park (NCCO). Observers: Robert Andrews, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SE 4-7 MPH; 61°-85°). 267 miles, 14 hours. (110 species)
- 10, Saturday. FALL COUNT. Weather: Scattered clouds. Wind: Variable, 5-10 MPH. Temperature: 55°-86°. (117 species)
- Barr Lake State Park (BARR): Leader: Robert Andrews. Observers: Joe Hines, Mark Holmgren, Andy Wilbur. (84 species)
- Horsecreek Reservoir (HORS): Leader: Joe Roller. Observers: Peter Gent, Steve Larson, Thompson Marsh. (78 species)
- Prospect Reservoir (PROS): Leader: Paul Julian. Observer: Mary Jane Schock. (75 species)
- Banner Lakes (BANN): Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Christine Bonney, Phine and Art Butler, Ruth Wheeler. (40 species)
- 11, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: Bev Engstrom, Polly Fields, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Richard and Janet Sherwood. (Cloudy; mild). 4½ hours. (22 species)
- 17, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir and Waterton area covered Fall Count Style, 3 groups 7:30 A.M. - Noon, 2 groups 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. (W/CR). Leaders: Hugh Kingery, Ray Olson, Jack Reddall. Observers: Bev Engstrom, Polly Field, Bill and Jewell Henrichs, John Hannum, Frank and Jan Justice, Urling and Anne Kingery, Thompson Marsh, Betty Moynihan, Collin Murcay, Bob Spencer, Sandy Westendorf, Dale Wilkins. (Clear; Wind, SW 18-25 MPH gusting to 35 MPH; 63°-80°). (92 species)
- 17, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Pueblo, Ordway, Cheraw and Rocky Ford (SCCO). Observers: Carolyn Griffiths, Dave Griffiths, Chris Knight. (Cloudy becoming sunny; hot, dry winds). 8½ hours. (92 species)
- 18, Sunday. Boulder/Longmont area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: James Huntington, Joe Krieg, Terry Rayl, Ruth and Warner Reeser, Marge Roberts. (Sunny; Wind, SE light; 50°-70°). 6 hours. (59 species)
- 24, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland. Leader: Nancy Hurley. TRIP CANCELLED.
- 25, Sunday. North Turkey Creek/ Mount Falcon Park. Leader: Chuck Kangas. NO REPORT RECEIVED.

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SEPTEMBER	4	4	10 - FALL COUNT - 10					11	17	17	18
AREA	GUN	NCCO	BARR	HORS	PROS	BANN	TOTL	RRP	W/CR	SCCO	BLDR
HABITAT	MTN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PTH	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
Horned Grebe					3		3		1		
Eared Grebe		20		5			10			1	
Western Grebe		305		15	2	4	21		9	212	230
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1		8	14		6	2	20
American White Pelican		650									
Double-crested Cormorant		410				1	1		35		
Great Blue Heron		86		14	12	2	29		8	11	20
Snowy Egret		75									1
Black-crowned Night Heron		1				12	14			1	1 im
Canada Goose		160		15		40	55		65		200
Mallard		1100		70	100	300	470		15	5	50
Gadwall	2				10		10		1	20	8
Common Pintail		12		2800	50	150	3000		2	201	15
Green-winged Teal	10	42		300	30	25	355		75	50	2
Blue-winged Teal		26				1	1		2	2	
Cinnamon Teal									4		
Teal sp.				10	200	10	220		60		10
American Wigeon		11		35	30	250	315		600	60	15
Northern Shoveler		310		500	20	165	685		4	54	5
Wood Duck									2		
Redhead		8		5	5	20	30		13	11	
Canvasback						1	1			2	
Ruddy Duck		150		300	160	700	1160			45	6
Duck sp.					200		240				
Common Merganser									2		
Turkey Vulture										5	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				1		1		5		
Cooper's Hawk				1		1	2		1		
Red-tailed Hawk					4	2	6		3	6	
"Western" race		5									
Swainson's Hawk		6		2	14	5	26		1	3	
Ferruginous Hawk		3			2		2				
Buteo sp.							2				
Golden Eagle									1 ad		
Northern Harrier	3	2		1	4	3	11		3	2	
Osprey										1	
Prairie Falcon		2		1			1		2	1	
American Kestrel		72		16	5	9	33	1	8	31	4
Scaled Quail										1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		6		1		2	3			2	
Sandhill Crane					8		8				
Virginia Rail		2								1	
Sora		3			2	1	3				
American Coot		160		40	150	400	625		2650	90	300
American Avocet		34		15		1	16			30	5
Semipalmated Plover		5							1	16	
Killdeer		372		315	101	135	567		31	555	35
Snowy Plover										25	
Black-bellied Plover		1		1		1	2				
Marbled Godwit		3									
Long-billed Curlew						1	1				
Greater Yellowlegs		8		3	2		5			27	
Lesser Yellowlegs		42		28	1	5	36		20	53	10
Solitary Sandpiper		1		1		11	12			1	
Willet		1									
Spotted Sandpiper		3		4			4			1	
Ruddy Turnstone		1									
Wilson's Phalarope		45				25	25			12	
Northern Phalarope		32		11		80	91				
Common Snipe		1							1		3
Long-billed Dowitcher		6				3	3			204	
Red Knot		5									
Sanderling		3		1	4	1	6		2	2	2
Semipalmated Sandpiper		215			20		20		1	2000	
Western Sandpiper		930			1		1		4	5035	1
Western/Semipalmated Sandp.				95			95				

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AREA	GUN	NCCO	BARR	HORS	PROS	BANN	TOTL	RRP	W/CR	SCCO	BLDR
HABITAT	MTN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FTH	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
Least Sandpiper		308	20	3	20	=	43			12	10
White-rumped Sandpiper										4	
Baird's Sandpiper		1300	500	60	45	=	605		1	152	15
Pectoral Sandpiper		18	9	1	1	=	11			5	
Stilt Sandpiper		2000	33	2		=	35				
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER		1									
PARASITIC JAEGER		1							1 ad		
California Gull		743	50			=	50		33		
Ring-billed Gull		160	200	14	6	4 =	224		14	10	150
Franklin's Gull		275	65		6	=	71			5780	400
Bonaparte's Gull		1									
Forster's Tern		12	2			=	2				
Common Tern											2
Black Tern		86			5	=	5				
Rock Dove		16		13	5	7 =	25		3	244	40
Mourning Dove		190	90	525	175	65 =	855		121	128	7
Great Horned Owl			1	8	1	1 =	11	1	1		
Burrowing Owl		5									
Long-eared Owl					1	=	1				
Common Nighthawk		2	7	1		=	8				
Belted Kingfisher		1	2			=	2		7	3	2
Common Flicker						5 =	5		36		15
"Red-shafted" race	1	7	24	6	2	=	32	3		3	
Red-headed Woodpecker		3		1		=	1				
Lewis' Woodpecker		1							2	1	6
Hairy Woodpecker											
"Rocky Mountain" race			1			=	1				
eastern races			3			=	3				
Downy Woodpecker			6		1	1 =	8		4		
eastern races		2		4		=	4				
Eastern Kingbird		14			1	1 =	2		1		
Western Kingbird		24	1	2	8	=	11		1	2	
Cassin's Kingbird		1									
Say's Phoebe				3	2	=	5			1	
Hammond's Flycatcher			1			=	1				
Dusky Flycatcher			2			=	2				
Western Flycatcher			1		1	=	2				1
Empidonax sp.			6	5	1	2 =	14		1	1	
Western Pewee		2	3	3	1	1 =	8		4	1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1			1 =	2				
Horned Lark		93	2	170	35	=	207		12	26	1
Violet-green Swallow										1	
Bank Swallow		1									
Rough-winged Swallow											1
Barn Swallow		289	23	2	65	55 =	145		53	459	8
Cliff Swallow		1		1		=	1				
Blue Jay		12							1	3	3
Steller's Jay	2								2		
Scrub Jay								4	5		
Black-billed Magpie		14	125	83	6	11 =	225	9	38	57	25
American Crow											4
Clark's Nutcracker									5		
Black-capped Chickadee		5	18	8		=	26	5	43	4	8
Mountain Chickadee	1										
White-breasted Nuthatch											2
House Wren		9	12	5	3	2 =	22	2	3		
Bewick's Wren										1	
Canyon Wren								7	1		
Rock Wren			7	8	3	1 =	19		4	1	6
Northern Mockingbird										1	
Gray Catbird		1	1			=	1	1			
Brown Thrasher		1	1			=	1				
Curve-billed Thrasher										1	
Sage Thrasher		1			1	=	1	1			1
American Robin		4	1	4		8 =	13	24	73	51	20
Hermit Thrush				1		=	1				
Townsend's Solitaire		1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	3		=	4		2		
Water Pipit	10				3	=	3		2		4
Cedar Waxwing								3	35		
Loggerhead Shrike		2		1		=	1		1	5	

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HABITAT	MTN	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	ETH	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS
European Starling		850	21	150	15	107	= 293	2	80	1749	100
Solitary Vireo											
"Blue-headed" race			1		1		= 2				
"plumbeous" race				1	1		= 2				
Red-eyed Vireo				1			= 1				
Warbling Vireo	1			1			= 1		1		
Tennessee Warbler	1								1		
Orange-crowned Warbler			5	3			= 8				
Virginia's Warbler								2			
Yellow Warbler		3	3	1	1		= 5				
Yellow-rumped Warbler				5			= 5		2		
"Audubon's" race			13			1	= 14	1	3	1	
Townsend's Warbler			6	8	1	1	= 16				
MacGillivray's Warbler	1		5				= 5	2	1		2
Common Yellowthroat	1		3		15		= 18			4	
Wilson's Warbler	6	9	55	31	12	14	= 116	1	59	12	6
American Redstart	1								1		
House Sparrow		200	30	10	15	85	= 140			92	50
Western Meadowlark		12	11	9	10	15	= 45	1	33	11	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird		120	825	8	90	21	= 944			200	
Red-winged Blackbird		2435	1	27	35	500	= 563		26	1570	500
Orchard Oriole		2									
Brewer's Blackbird										15	25
Common Grackle		10							1	170	20
Brown-headed Cowbird		2								1	
Western Tanager		16	1	1		1	= 3		6	2	
Black-headed Grosbeak									1		
Pheucticus sp.				2 fe			= 2				
Blue Grosbeak										4	
Indigo Bunting									2		
Lazuli Bunting			2				= 2		1		
House Finch		1						3	7	30	10
Pine Siskin	1									10	
American Goldfinch	5		4	12			= 16		6	12	
Lesser Goldfinch									9	1	
Green-tailed Towhee			3	1		1	= 5	3	3	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee								12	23	1	
Lark Bunting		20		8		2	= 10				
Savannah Sparrow		11							17	29	
Grasshopper Sparrow			1				= 1				
Vesper Sparrow		184	15	170	80	15	= 280		29	8	7
Lark Sparrow		3	5	10	4	6	= 25		9		3
Northern Junco											
"Oregon" race				2	1		= 3				
Chipping Sparrow		22	125	25		15	= 165	20	10	1	
Clay-colored Sparrow		2	3	20	1		= 24		2	1	1
Brewer's Sparrow				230			= 230		4	5	
Field Sparrow		1									
Spizella sp.			25	100	25		= 150		8		2
White-crowned Sparrow	30		2				= 2		2	2	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1								3		
Song Sparrow					6		= 6		6	3	2
McCown's Longspur		1									
Longspur sp.				2			= 2				
TOTAL SPECIES-174	13	110	84	78	75	40	117	22	92	92	59

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1977 REPORTS:

American Bittern 9-18 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Ring-necked Duck 9-24 (2 males, 1 female) Lafayette (JR)
 Turkey Vulture 9-25 (6) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
 Broad-winged Hawk 9-3 (1 exceptionally dark immature male) road kill at the foot of
 Kenosha Pass one and one-half miles west of Grant; specimen examined by Dr. Allan
 Phillips. Possibly most western record in Colorado (HH); 9-22 (1) Evergreen (ET)
 Swainson's Hawk 9-30 (1) Fort Morgan (HH)
 Merlin 9-3 (1) Briggsdale (JR)
 Ring-necked Pheasant 9-3 (1 hen with three very small young birds) 10 miles east of
 Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JR)
 Piping Plover 9-3 (1) Jackson Reservoir (JR)
 Mountain Plover 9-3 (4) along shore of Barr Lake (RA)
 Black-bellied Plover 9-24 (3), 9-27 (3), 9-29 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS)
 Marbled Godwit 9-24 (1) Prospect Reservoir (JR)

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Spotted Sandpiper 9-25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Northern Phalarope 9-24 (2) along Tower Road, Adams County (JR)
Sanderling 9-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS)
Pectoral Sandpiper 9-30 (7) Barr Lake State Park (HH)
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER 9-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (TM)
PARASITIC JAEGER 9-30 (1) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan County (HH)
Sabine's Gull 9-25 (1 adult) Sloan's Lake, Denver (JRo)
Common Tern 9-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 9-25 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Black Tern 9-18 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Poor-will 9-24 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-4 (2) Franktown (MS)
Rufous Hummingbird 9-1 (3) and 9-4 (2) Franktown (MS)
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 9-18 (1) Evergreen (ET)
Cassin's Kingbird 9-24 (1) Lafayette (JR)
Hammond's Flycatcher 9-18 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Northern Raven 9-25 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Clark's Nutcracker 9-24 (2) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (JR)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 9-24 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Pygmy Nuthatch 9-25 (20) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Hermit Thrush 9-12 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Western Bluebird 9-25 (6) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Mountain Bluebird 9-25 (30) Winkler Ranch, Castlewood area (JR)
Townsend's Solitaire 9-17 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9-24 (2) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Solitary Vireo ("Plumbeous" race) 9-25 (1 in song) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Virginia's Warbler 9-3 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 9-25 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Palm Warbler 9-24 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 9-30 (1) Evergreen (ET)
Yellow-breasted Chat 9-3 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Hooded Warbler 9-3 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Indigo Bunting 9-3 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Pine Siskin 9-3 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Lesser Goldfinch 9-24 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Gray-headed Junco 9-24 (4) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (JR); 9-25 (6) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Clay-colored Sparrow 9-25 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Fox Sparrow (eastern race) 9-10 (1) edge of Bear Creek at Skunk Hollow Forge ? (ME)

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Englewood, Colorado 80110. Telephone: 771-5308.

2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the Summary of Field Trips and additional observations.
3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1977

NOVEMBER

- 5, Saturday. Fairmont Cemetery area and ponds. Leader: Judy Ward (377-4942). Meet at Cherry Creek Shopping Center (Southwest side of Denver Dry Company) at 9:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional.
- 6, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. and meet leader at West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 8:30 A.M. *
- 12, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Meet at Crossroads Shopping Center (King Soopers) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Don Thatcher (455-7479). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
- 19, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Jan and Frank Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (SW of May Company) at 8:30 A.M. *
- 20, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at Museum of Natural History at 8:30 A.M. *
- 26, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon State Park and Elizabeth. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 27, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Ray Olson (424-6823). Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NOVEMBER MEETING: NOVEMBER 22, 1977

PROGRAM: "A Great White Bird" - the new U.S. Fish and Wildlife film on Whooping Cranes.

OCTOBER 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- OCTOBER 1, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch (KENC). Leader: Ward Chadwick. Observers: Cheyenne Body, Margo Chadwick, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Ruth and Warner Reeser, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Nancy and Wally Zavitz. (Sunny; cool). 12 miles, 5 hours. (41 species)
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leaders: Kathryn and Ken Whipple. Observers: Cheyenne Body, Arthur Butler, Eve Cohen, Lt. Col. De Leeuw, John Hannum, Jack Reddall. (Clear; 35^o-76^o). 6 hours. (39 species)
- 8, Saturday. Silverthorne-Dillon Reservoir (SDLR). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Elwyn Arps, Merle Barbour, Mary Jane Black, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Nancy Cantrell, Jay Hamerick, Elinor Kingery, Urling Kingery. (Cloudy in morning followed by clearing in afternoon; 3" to 5" of snow fell during Friday night). 7½ hours. (45 species)
- 9, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRPK). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: William Clapp, Robert Glover, Steve Lee, Colin Murcay, Ann Rork, Vito Tursi, Emma Warren. (Fair; warm). 4 hours. (21 species)
- 15, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Willow Springs Ranch (LWBC). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Joe and Denorah Hargadon, Nancy Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Singer, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp. (Sunny; warm; little wind). 40½ miles, 7 hours. (45 species)
- 16, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Ann Bancroft, Bob Bruce, Warren Finch, Libby Goodwin, Rick Hummer, James Huntington, Ann Rork, Marie Van Den Bosch, Alice Wells. (Clear; winds light; 50^o-70^o). 5 hours. (46 species)
- 22, Saturday. Waterton and Chatfield Reservoir. Leader: Robert Spencer. NO REPORT RECEIVED.
- 23, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 29, Saturday. North Denver: Sloan's Lake, Maple Grove Reservoir, Church Lake, greenbelt (NDEN). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Joe and Denorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Tripp, Kathy Zavitz, Nancy Zavitz. (Slight overcast with clearing by late afternoon; winds, calm; 45^o-70^o). 33 miles, 8½ hours. (42 species)
- 30, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Marie Van Den Bosch, Jeffery and Sharon Cohen, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Peter Gent, Terry Root, Alice Wells. (Fair). (22 species)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NON-RECEIPT OF THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Mary Jane Schock - 2695 South Winona Court, Denver, Colorado 80219. Telephone: 922-3144.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested costs are 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

OCTOBER	1	2	8	9	15	16	29	30
AREA	KENC	CCKR	SDLR	RRPK	LWBCK	BLDR	NDEN	BARR
HABITAT	FOOT	PLNS	MTNS	FOOT	PLS	FTH	PLNS	PLNS
Horned Grebe						4		
Eared Grebe		8	2		2			
Western Grebe						100	2	
Pied-billed Grebe		1			1	20	7	
Double-crested Cormorant						1		
Great Blue Heron		1				2		1
Canada Goose		41			262	200	164	12
Mallard	35	10	1		53	100	114	200
Gadwall		10			96	4	33	
Common Pintail	2	8			7	75	6	
Green-winged Teal	4		3		42		8	
American Wigeon					102	300	200	
Northern Shoveler			12		25		72	
Redhead					76	20	3	
Ring-necked Duck					7	4	30	
Lesser Scaup			3				6	
Bufflehead					4		28	
Ruddy Duck		30	6		1		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	2		1	1	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	1	4			3		1
Rough-legged Hawk	1				1			2
Ferruginous Hawk	1	5		1				
Golden Eagle				2				
Northern Harrier		1				1		3
Prairie Falcon	2	1		1				
Merlin					1			2
American Kestrel	2	1	1		1	2	1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		2						6
American Coot		100	500		36	80	200	
Killdeer					2	1		
Lesser Golden Plover		1						
Black-bellied Plover		3						
Greater Yellowlegs			1					
Lesser Yellowlegs						2		
Common Snipe		1	1					
Sanderling		1						
California Gull		4	1				5	
Ring-billed Gull		25			7	1	352	
Franklin's Gull						4		
Rock Dove	55			45	10	10	50	
Mourning Dove		6						
Great Horned Owl								1
Burrowing Owl	1							
Belted Kingfisher					1	1	2	
Common Flicker			4			20		5
"Yellow-shafted" race							1	
"Red-shafted" race	6	3		6	11		18	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2							
Hairy Woodpecker			2			1		
Downy Woodpecker		1				1	3	1
"Empidonax" sp.	1							
Horned Lark	14	300	2					50
Barn Swallow	4		2		1			
Gray Jay			1					
Steller's Jay	2		9	1	4	15		
Scrub Jay	8		3		10			
Black-billed Magpie	36	3	6	10	3	9	25	12
Northern Raven			3					
American Crow	75		42			5	2	1
Clark's Nutcracker			1				1	
Black-capped Chickadee	3	3		4	4	10	2	4
Mountain Chickadee			6				2	
White-breasted Nuthatch			2				1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1	

OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	1 KENC FOOT	2 CCKR PLNS	8 SDLR MTNS	9 RRPK FOOT	15 LWBCK PLS FTH	16 BLDR PLNS	29 NDEN PLNS	30 BARR PLNS
Brown Creeper							3	
North American Dipper			3		2		2	
Canyon Wren	2			5				
Wren sp.						1		
Northern Mockingbird	1							
American Robin	75	4	2	35	8	8	1	
Hermit Thrush			1					
Mountain Bluebird	34		5					
Townsend's Solitaire	13			9	12		8	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			6	1	3	4		
Cedar Waxwing	2							
European Starling	1	2		3	70	75	72	20
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	1	1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler			15		6			
"Audubon's" race	5	11	8			3		
Palm Warbler			1					
Common Yellowthroat		3						
Wilson's Warbler			3			1		
House Sparrow	28	2			24	25	63	25
Western Meadowlark	12	4	21		10	3		6
Red-winged Blackbird					15	50		
Brewer's Blackbird	80		51		2			
Common Grackle					1			
Brown-headed Cowbird	2							
House Finch	16	8		4	17	15	7	10
Pine Siskin			35				4	
American Goldfinch		2				8		
Lesser Goldfinch	3							
Green-tailed Towhee	2		1					
Rufous-sided Towhee	3			5	2			
Northern Junco	1		145					
"Slate-colored" race					1	2		
"Oregon" race			76	3	12	10	30	
Gray-headed Junco			56	3		15		
American Tree Sparrow								1
Chipping Sparrow		4	10	1		2	2	
Brewer's Sparrow	2		6		3			
White-crowned Sparrow	10	2	84	8		4	10	5
Lincoln's Sparrow			2					2
Song Sparrow		3	1			3	2	
TOTAL SPECIES-99	41	39	45	21	45	46	42	22

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1977 REPORTS:

Common Loon 10-12 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 10-16 (6), 10-30 (6) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Greater White-fronted Goose 10-1 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County (HH); 10-17 (3 immatures) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 10-29 (3), 10-30 (3) Chatfield Reservoir (HK) same birds-???

Snow Goose 10-1 (1) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County (HH)

Lesser Scaup 10-15 (2) Church Lake, Westminster (HH)

Bufflehead 10-15 (4) Church Lake, Westminster (HH)

BLACK SCOTER 10-29 (1 adult male) Windsor Lake, Fairmont Cemetery, "all black except for big yellow lump at base of upper mandible" (JJC); 10-30 (1 adult male) Windsor Lake, Fairmont Cemetery (RA, MS)

Hooded Merganser 10-5 (3) Windsor Lake, Fairmont Cemetery (MS)

Common Merganser 10-1 (2 females) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County (HH)

Red-breasted Merganser 10-30 (2 females) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)

Turkey Vulture 10-1 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County (HH)

Ferruginous Hawk On the field trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir on 10-2, no less than five Ferruginous Hawks were present at the Prairie Dog Village along the south end of the reservoir - 3 normal phase adults, 1 immature, 1 dark phase adult

Osprey 10-12 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 10-23 (1) Washington Park, Denver (HH)

Sandhill Crane 10-18 (100 flew over with 45 landing) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JH, MS); 10-22 (between 600-1000) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Long-billed Dowitcher 10-29 (20) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Red Knot 10-2 (1) Jackson Reservoir (HH)

Stilt Sandpiper 10-22 (10) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Red-headed Woodpecker 10-1 (1) South Platte River, Crook (HH)

Williamson's Sapsucker 10-4 (1 male) Red Rocks Park (JJC)

Bushtit 10-19 (2) East Denver near the Univ. of Colorado Medical Center (JR)

House Wren 10-1 (1) South Platte River, Crook (HH)

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Marsh Wren CORRECTION!! One was observed (RO) at Chatfield Reservoir on the 9-17
Field Trip which was inadvertently omitted from the summary.
Hermit Thrush 10-8 (1) Lakewood (JJC)
Northern Shrike 10-22 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Black-throated Green Warbler 10-22 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
Blackpoll Warbler 10-16 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Yellow-headed Blackbird 10-29 (1) Longmont (HH)
Northern Cardinal from 10-18 (1) Wheatridge (PE). Call if interested in specific
location (233-4947)

Red Crossbill 10-14 (15), 10-27 (2) Genessee Mountain Park (JJC)
Grasshopper Sparrow CORRECTION!! Erroneously reported on Fall Count on 9-10 at Barr
Lake State Park. Should have been reported as Savannah Sparrow. This reduces
the total species counted from 117 to 116.
Northern Junco ("White-winged" race) 10-8 (1), 10-22 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
American Tree Sparrow 10-29 (4) Fairmont Cemetery (JJC)
Harris' Sparrow 10-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC)
Lincoln's Sparrow 10-29 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

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NO TRIPS SCHEDULED DUE TO MANY AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS! SEE BELOW UNDER CHRISTMAS COUNTS.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1977

COUNT LEADER: Mary Jane Schock (Telephone: 922-3144).

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatts Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center

COUNT COMPILERS: David Hutchinson, Hugh Kingery

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to help count in his or her
area OR call the Count Leader if you would like to help count in an area which needs
more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to in-
dicate how many you have in your group.

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Count edition which is published in July at a cost of \$5.50 per copy. You may order
it from your Area Leader if you so wish.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the name of the Area Leaders
and their telephone numbers. Pre-count scouting trips which have been scheduled
follows the arrangements for the main count.

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AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION		LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	
1.	Red Rocks Park.....	Donald Thatcher	455-7479
2.	Lower Bear Creek.....	Sadie Morrison	388-1488
3.	BowMar.....	Joe Roller	935-7149
4.	Lower South Platte.....	Ruth Wheeler	455-3924
		William Lybarger	751-5145
5.	Highline Ditch.....	Andy Wilbur	322-8419
6.	Plum Creek.....	Ray Olson	424-6823
7.	Middle South Platte.....	David Hutchinson	936-3466 (work)
		Hugh Kingery	333-0161
8.	Chatfield Reservoir.....	Paul Julian	499-9107
9.	Upper South Platte.....	Jerome Besser	985-4816
10.	Lower Deer Creek Canyon.....	Lynn Willcockson	757-7000
11.	Upper Deer Creek.....	Susan Merrick	573-6084
12.	Yegge Peak.....	Nancy Hurley	757-0837
13.	Doublehead Mountain.....	Jean Tate	423-9165
14.	North Turkey Creek.....	Warren Finch	233-3372
15.	Indian Hills.....	Dieter Kamm	697-9681
16.	Upper Bear Creek.....	Bill Brockner	674-4851
17.	Ken Caryl Ranch.....	Ward Chadwick	355-6829
18.	Garrison Gate.....	Judd Sundine	423-6866
19.	Morrison-Willowbrook Estates.....	Mildred Snyder	366-7610
20.	Willow Creek.....	Patty Echelmeyer	233-4947
21.	Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs.....	Robert Buttery	986-0698

PRE-COUNT SCOUTING TRIPS: (call Area Leaders for arrangements)

<u>December 10 (Saturday)</u>	<u>December 11 (Sunday)</u>	<u>Others</u>
Lower Bear Creek	Red Rocks Park	BowMar - Tuesday, December 13
Lower South Platte	Middle South Platte	Willow Creek - weekday
Highline Ditch	Upper Bear Creek	
Plum Creek	Upper Deer Creek	
Upper South Platte		
Lower Deer Creek Canyon		
Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs		
North Turkey Creek		
Indian Hills		
Doublehead Mountain		

EVERGREEN (INCLUDING IDAHO SPRINGS) CHRISTMAS COUNT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1977
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NEW LOBBYIST ANNOUNCED FOR COSC

The Colorado Open Space Council, a non-profit organization of environmentally concerned groups and individuals, has just announced the hiring of their new lobbyist, Barbara Lamm. Barbara comes to the COSC position with several years experience in volunteer politics and a life long interest in environmental causes. As the only full time, paid environmental lobbyist in the state of Colorado, her new job will be a big one.

According to Barbara, legislation to be introduced in the coming season will be determined and limited by the Governor's Call. Tax and revenue bills are not affected by this limitation, however, so this will be a critical area of environmental concern. Environmentalists across the state are vitally concerned that sound environmental action which has already passed through the legislature may be stopped this year if adequate funding measures are not passed.

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ANNOUNCING THE 3RD ANNUAL DENVER AUDUBON SOCIETY ART SHOW AND SALE

WHAT AND WHEN: Wildlife Art Exhibition, Saturday through Saturday, December 3-10, 1977.
Noon to 8:00 P.M. on weekdays. Nine A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekends.

WHERE: Denver Botanical Gardens, Horticulture Hall, Ninth and York Streets, Denver.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST SIDE AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1977

JANUARY MEETING: JANUARY 24, 1978

NOVEMBER 1977 FIELD TRIPS:

- NOVEMBER 5, Saturday. Fairmount Lake and Cemetery (FAIR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Milly and Dick Dawson, Walter and Ina Dodd, Joan Dunham, Bob Fox (Boston, Massachusetts), Jon and Anders Halverson, Joseph and Dinorah Hargadon, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Beverly Nilsen, Mary Robinson, Alva Schloss, Mary Jane Schock, Margaret Sikes, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; 60°-70°). 2½ hours. (29 species)
- 6, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCKR). Leaders: Ken and Kathryn Whipple. (Cloudy; 43°-55°). 5 hours. (27 species)
- 12, Saturday. Boulder and Longmont (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Phillip Anderson, Robby Bacon, Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Mark Holmgren, Hazel Kellogg, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy becoming sunny in afternoon; Wind, light; 50°-65°). 8 hours. (60 species)
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRPK). Leader: Don Thatcher. Observers: William Clapp, Nancy Henke, Terry Henke, Colin Murcay, Emma Warren, Carol Webster. (Fair; mild). 4 hours. (14 species)
- 19, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Tim Davis, Fred Hager, Hazel Kellogg, Hugh Kingery, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Bill Prather, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, moderate; 25°-39°). 5½ hours. (52 species)
- 20, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Floyd Pendell. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
- 26, Saturday. Parker and Castlewood Canyon State Park (PKCW). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Merle Barbour, Joe and Dinorah Hargadon, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Hazel Nelson, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 15-25 MPH; cool). 82 miles, 6 hours. (22 species)
- 27, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands (PAWN). Leader: Ray Olson. Observers: Bryan Mann, Jo Ann Pettinichio. (Partly cloudy; Wind, calm; low 40's). 60 miles. (19 species)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NON-RECEIPT OF THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Mary Jane Schock - 2695 South Winona Court, Denver, Colorado 80219. Telephone: 222-3144.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS: On Club sponsored trips, don't forget to share mileage expenses with your driver. Suggested costs are 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975. Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A complete list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 12, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

NOVEMBER	5	6	12	13	19	26	27
AREA	FAIR	CCKR	BLDR	RRPK	CHAT	PKCW	PAWN
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLFT	PLNS
Common Loon			2		7		
Horned Grebe			50				
Eared Grebe	1						
Western Grebe			60		10		
Pied-billed Grebe	1		3		6		
Double-crested Cormorant			1		2		
Great Blue Heron			1		13		
Whistling Swan					28		
Canada Goose			800		300		300
Greater White-fronted Goose					1 im		
Snow Goose			1				
"White" form					1		
Mallard		14	200		140		
Gadwall	12		15		40		
Common Pintail			50		2		
Green-winged Teal		20	25		147		
American Wigeon			100		800		
Northern Shoveler		1			2		
Redhead			4000		2		
Ring-necked Duck			10				
Canvasback			15				
Lesser Scaup	33						
Common Goldeneye	2		25		4		
Bufflehead	8		25		20		
Ruddy Duck					30		
Hooded Merganser			8		1		
Common Merganser			2		9		
Red-breasted Merganser					2 fe		
Accipiter sp.			1				
Red-tailed Hawk						1	
"Western" race					2		
"Harlan's" race					2		
Rough-legged Hawk		1			2	1	6
Ferruginous Hawk			2				1
Buteo sp.	1						
Golden Eagle							4
Northern Harrier		2	1		4	1	2
Prairie Falcon							1
American Kestrel	1	5	3		1	1	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	1	1		6	1	
Virginia Rail		1			3		
American Coot	7	18	400		700		
Killdeer	1	14	6		5		
Dunlin					1		
Herring Gull			2		1		
California Gull	3				2		
Ring-billed Gull	17	80	75		30		
Franklin's Gull		5					
Bonaparte's Gull	5	1	4				
Rock Dove	3	2	100	30		24	
Mourning Dove	2						
Great Horned Owl		1			1		
Belted Kingfisher			2		1		
Common Flicker			1		12		
"Red-shafted" race	14	1	20	5			6
Lewis' Woodpecker			3				
Downy Woodpecker			2		2		
Horned Lark		30			15	7	500
Steller's Jay			15			36	
Scrub Jay				5		3	
Black-billed Magpie	20	8	75	5	9	11	3
Northern Raven			2	15			
American Crow			200		12		15
Black-capped Chickadee	6	4	15		10	12	
Mountain Chickadee			6			3	

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	5 FAIR PLNS	6 CKKR PLNS	12 BLDR PLNS	13 RRPK FOOT	19 CHAT PLNS	26 PKCW PLFT	27 PAWN PLNS
White-breasted Nuthatch			4			3	
Pygmy Nuthatch						16	
Brown Creeper			1				
North American Dipper			1		1		
Canyon Wren			1	2		2	
Northern Mockingbird					1		
American Robin	2		5	1			6
Townsend's Solitaire			1	4			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2				
Water Pipit	1				5		
Cedar Waxwing			5				
Northern Shrike			2	1	4	1	1
European Starling		16	250	5	25	44	40
Yellow-rumped Warbler							
"Audubon's" race			4				
House Sparrow	4	4	25				20
Western Meadowlark	1		6		3		12
Red-winged Blackbird		51	1				
House Finch	33	25	30	8			
American Goldfinch			5		X	8	
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	1		2	
Northern Junco					8		
"White-winged" race	1		1			1	
"Slate-colored" race			8	1		2	
"Oregon" race	25		30	2		10	2
Gray-headed Junco			4	2		2	
American Tree Sparrow	2	25	6		58	1	
Harris' Sparrow	1						
White-crowned Sparrow	9	75					
Song Sparrow	2	4			22		
McCown's Longspur							10
Lapland Longspur							35
TOTAL SPECIES-88	29	27	60	14	52	22	19 X=heard

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1977 REPORTS:

Arctic Loon 11-3 (1 with Common Loon) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC); 11-19 through 11-27 (1, winter plumage) Chatfield Reservoir (JR)

RED-THROATED LOON 11-24 (1, winter plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

RED-NECKED GREBE 11-25 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld County (JJC)

Eared Grebe 11-13 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Whistling Swan 11-11 (1) Barr Lake State Park (SR); 11-24 (1 immature) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 11-25 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (RA); 11-25 & 11-26 (1) Fed. Ctr. (PE)

Greater White-fronted Goose 11-18 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)

Snow Goose 11-12 (3) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 11-13 (flight of 78 circled Barr Lake late in the afternoon for several minutes apparently wanting to land; very wary and undecided; finally the entire flock flew off to the southeast-JR); 11-18 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 11-19 & 11-20 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 11-24 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 11-24 (4) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 11-25 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (RA); 11-25 (1) McCall's Lake, Boulder County (JJC); 11-25 (1 "Blue" form) McCall's Lake, Boulder County (JJC).

Ross' Goose 11-13 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (JR); 11-24 (3) Chatfield Reservoir (HK); 11-25 (3) Chatfield Reservoir (RA); The three birds were still present at Chatfield on 11-27 (JR)

Wood Duck 11-11 through the remainder of the month (2 males) Aspen (ECT); 11-19 (1 pair) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)

Oldsquaw 11-25 (4) Union Reservoir, Boulder County (JJC)

White-winged Scoter 11-3 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC); 11-13 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (JR)

Surf Scoter 11-25 (1) Clover Basin Reservoir, Boulder County (JJC)

Northern Goshawk 11-27 (1 adult) Waterton (JR)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 11-6 through 12-3 (1 immature) near 11th and Field, Lakewood; "in conflict with Magpies for territorial rights. An adult Sharp-shin was successful in setting up winter territory in the area the last two years". (JJC); 11-12 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA)

Cooper's Hawk 11-27 (1) BowMar (RF)

Bald Eagle 11-25 (5 immatures) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County; 11-25 (7 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County; 11-25 (1 immature) Barr Lake State Park (JR)

Merlin 11-13 (1) and 11-19 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)

Wild Turkey 11-13 (8) in the forest bordering Mean's Meadow located north of Evergreen (DK, ECT); 11-25 (8) Evergreen area-presumably the same location as on 11-13 (WF, RS)

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Sandhill Crane 11-13 (flight of 32 circled Barr Lake State Park late in the afternoon but did not land drifting off to the south-JR)
Common Snipe 11-19 (1) Waterton (JR)
Long-billed Dowitcher 11-13 (1) small farm pond about 1½ miles northeast of Prospect Reservoir, Weld County (JR)
Least Sandpiper 11-19 through 11-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Dunlin 11-13 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JR); 11-19 through 11-24 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Bonaparte's Gull 11-24 & 11-25 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Mourning Dove 11-12 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 11-19 (2) Waterton (JR)
Saw-whet Owl 11-8 (1) spent all day low in a Ponderosa Pine in our yard located three miles south of Evergreen (ECT)
Lewis' Woodpecker 11-5 (8) Daniel's Park (RF)
Clark's Nutcracker 11-18 (7) Kerr Gulch (JJC)
Winter Wren 11-19 (1) Waterton (JR)
Marsh Wren 11-24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (HK)
Brown Thrasher 11-27 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-13 (2), 11-19 (2), 11-27 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Cedar Waxwing 11-9 through 12-3 (2 to 104) almost daily near 11th and Field, Lakewood, "attracted by unharvested crabapples with the maximum number observed on 12-3" (JJC)
Brewer's Blackbird 11-19 (9) going to roost, Cherry Creek Reservoir-nature trail (JR)
Pine Grosbeak 11-13 (4 females), Denver Mountain Park, Evergreen (DK)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 11-27 (4) Silverthorne (HK)
Red Crossbill 11-13 (5) Denver Mountain Park, Evergreen (DK); 11-18 (6) Genessee Mountain Park (JJC); 11-27 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
Harris' Sparrow 11-12 (4 immatures) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
Swamp Sparrow 11-24 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir-nature trail (JR)

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1977 REPORTS:

Great Blue Heron 10-22 (35) on lake near Grand Ranch (RF)
American Bittern 10-21 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
Marbled Godwit 10-21 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
Screech Owl 10-14 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
Harlan's Hawk 10-14 (2) near Chatfield Reservoir (RF)

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2. Deadline for all Field Trip reports (as well as for any individual reports) is the fifth of the month. Reports received after this deadline will not be included in the Summary of Field Trips and additional observations.
3. Please notify the Editor immediately if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
4. On Field Trips where two habitats (Life Zones) are covered, please submit separate totals of species observed in each habitat.